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## Iraq will turn off arms tap to Aoun

BAGHDAD, July 1, (Agencies): Iraq declared today it is ready to cut off arms shipment to Lebanon's beleaguered Christians if other countries stop providing weapons to Lebanon's Muslims, a clear reference to Syria.

"If arms deliveries are one reason behind the continuation of the crisis in Lebanon... then Iraq declares its preparedness to completely stop its arms deliveries and urges all other parties to work in this direction," the official Iraqi News Agency quoted a Foreign Ministry spokesman as saying.

He declared that the presence of Syrian troops in Lebanon, along with smaller Israeli and Iranian forces, "constitute a threat to the independence of this Arab country."

The spokesman noted: "We strongly hope that the Syrian government, whose forces are occupying Lebanon, and its allied parties will not take advantage of this and commit any aggression against other parties in Lebanon."

The Iraqi move was seen as a significant advance in the efforts by a three-man Arab League committee to end 15 weeks of fighting between Christian and Syrians in Lebanon and to end the country's 14-year-old civil war.

Syria, the main power broker in Lebanon, has some 4,000 troops deployed there under a 1976 Arab League peacekeeping mandate. Israel occupies a border strip in south Lebanon and Iran has 2,000 Revolutionary Guards in east Lebanon.

Iraq has been supplying heavy weapons, including T-54 tanks and multi-barrelled rocket launchers, to the forces of Christian leader Gen. Michel Aoun and his militia allies who are battling the Syrians and their Muslim allies in Lebanon.

The Christians, besieged in their enclave north of Beirut since early March, rely heavily on the Iraqi arms shipments. Several shipments of these have got through to the Christians despite a Syrian blockade of their ports.

Iraq has acknowledged it was sending weapons to Aoun's forces, but has denied sending troops and advisers to Lebanon.

The Iraqi move to halt these vital supplies was announced during the previously unannounced visit to Baghdad of Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Alexander Bessmertnykh.

The Soviets and Arab states have been pressing the Iraqis to stop arming the Christians, hoping that would persuade the Syrians to back off their confrontation with Aoun.

The Iraqi spokesman, who was not identified, said "Iraq seriously participates in any effort to achieve peace in Lebanon and enhance the work of the three-man Arab League committee."

He urged all Arab states to support the committee, comprising King Fahd of Saudi Arabia, King Hassan of Morocco and Algerian President Chadli Benjedid.

A tanker carrying badly needed fuel broke through Syria's blockade of Lebanon's Christian enclave before dawn today, sparking a fierce artillery duel between the two sides that killed three people and wounded 16, police reported.

By police count, 385 people have been killed and 1,515 wounded since fighting broke out March 8.

## Coup leader offers sharia referendum

### Bashir pledges to end Sudan civil war

CAIRO, July 1, (Reuters): Sudan's new military ruler said today that a referendum could decide whether the country would be governed under Islamic law — a key issue in the civil war with non-Muslim southern rebels.

A day after toppling the elected government of Prime Minister Sadeq Al Mahdi, Brigadier Omar Hassan Al Bashir said his 15-

member junta had taken power to bypass "the manoeuvres and frivolous schemes" with which politicians had obstructed peace talks.

Bashir pledged to end the southern civil war peacefully. But he said he will drop an initiative begun by the government he ousted and make a fresh start.

Bashir spoke on Sudan's state radio, Radio Omdurman. His speech was monitored by the BBC.

Bashir, continued his purge of the old regime today by sacking 28 Army generals, including Gen. Fat'hi Ahmed Ali, the commander-in-chief, and Gen. Babu Nimir, the chief of staff and a reputed Al Mahdi supporter.

In a new decree from the council, Al Bashir was promoted to lieutenant-general, skipping one rank from his previous one-star status.

"Those who took up arms against the homeland can come back venerated and should respond to the appeal of peace and negotiations which would safeguard their dignity in citizenship and their rights, bypassing the clashes and struggle concerning the issue of sharia (Islamic law) and any other issue at the heart of the conflict," Bashir said.

"These should be referred to the people who should decide them through a referendum if they cannot be solved by peaceful negotiations."

The Sudan People's Liberation Army has been battling since 1983 to end what it sees as the

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### Cry of anguish

An unidentified man screams (below) after he failed to save a fire victim (top) at a highrise office building in Atlanta, US. The unidentified man was later rescued by paramedics. See 4 die in office fire on Page 2. (Reuters wirephoto)

### US technology used

## Iraq builds missile factory

WASHINGTON, July 1, (Reuters): Iraq is using US technology to develop a medium-range ballistic missile with a range of 1,000 miles, a US television network said yesterday.

The NBC television report said Iraq had completed a medium-range missile factory called "Project 395" and a missile research complex for developing chemical, conventional and nuclear warheads.

It said up to 40 per cent of the technology used to build the research complex came from American businesses.

Citing unnamed US

intelligence sources, NBC said Iraq first tried to get a medium-range missile built in Argentina but Washington pressured Argentina to stop. Iraq also funded an Egyptian missile project which was also stopped after US pressure, NBC said.

The Defence Department told Reuters it was aware of the NBC report but had no comment.

The television report said Austrian and West German companies and technical specialists were hired to help Iraq build and launch the first missile. Iraq would take over the project on its own later, NBC said.

The European firms told US companies they were seeking technology for a university research centre, NBC said.

American-made high technology, including one million dollars worth of computers, was shipped to Iraq with the approval of the Department of Commerce and despite objections from the Pentagon, NBC said.

The Pentagon asked the Commerce Department to track all high-technology shipments to Iraq but it has refused to share the results of its survey with the Pentagon, NBC said.

One source said there seemed to be nothing suspicious with the cargo.

## Chemicals for Iran 'in Dubai'

DUBAI, July 1 (Agencies): An Iran-bound ship believed to be carrying tons of chemical used to make deadly mustard gas docked in Dubai today and unloaded unidentified cargo, shipping executives reported.

The 5,680-ton West German-flagged Seacrest Pioneer, which came from Bombay, India, was earlier identified by West Germany's ZDF television network as carrying thionyl chloride component that can be used to manufacture mustard gas.

ZDF, quoting unidentified government sources in Bonn, said the cargo would be stopped before reaching Iran. But the shipping executives reported no moves to seize the freighter's cargo in Dubai.

Tehran radio, monitored in Cyprus, today denied the shipment was bound for Iran, and said the reports showed renewed US hostility towards the Islamic republic.

The Seacrest Pioneer docked in Dubai, a major transshipment point for Iran-bound cargo, as West German government prosecutors said they have opened a criminal into the Rheinischen Chemical Products Co. of Dusseldorf, which has contracted to deliver 257 tons of thionyl chloride to Iran. The firm is run by an Iranian family.

The shipping executives, who spoke on condition they were not named, said the Seacrest Pioneer discharged containers at Hamriya, smallest of three ports of Dubai. It was not known what was in the containers.

One source said there seemed to be nothing suspicious with the cargo.

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### NEWSWATCH

**Benazir's pledge:** India's Defence Minister K.C. Pant says that Pakistan Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto's pledge that her country will not make nuclear weapons must be doubted and he summarily rejected her proposal for an Indo-Pakistan test ban treaty as the first step toward a regional nuclear-free zone.

"The nuclear question is global, not regional or bilateral," he told newsmen at the end of a private visit to Washington.

Pant, who is visiting the US at the invitation of Defence Secretary Richard Cheney, repeated India's long-standing assertion that its nuclear programme has peaceful objectives and is not aimed at building a nuclear weapon. (KUNA)

**War on cholesterol:** Health officials in the city of Tel Aviv on Friday urged Israelis to eat hummus, a chickpea paste popular in the Middle East, to decrease the risk of heart attack.

A municipality statement said hummus and olive oil — usually eaten together — lowered the likelihood of heart attacks caused by foods high in cholesterol content. (Reuters)

**South African clash:** At least three members of a South African homeland security force and one civilian were killed on Saturday in clashes at a community meeting, witnesses said.

They said security forces opened fire on a crowd which gathered to protest against being incorporated into Bophuthatswana, a homeland area created by Pretoria to keep blacks and whites separate.

Some of the crowd were armed and retaliated, the witnesses said, resulting in the death of the security officers. (Reuters)

**Mediation:** A Sri Lankan minister of Indian origin said Saturday that he will mediate in a row with India over its refusal to withdraw an estimated 45,000 peacekeeping troops from the island nation.

Sauvami Moorthy Thondaman, the minister for textile industry, told the Associated Press Saturday he was going to India on Tuesday "to try and sort things out, because there are a lot of misunderstandings on both sides."

Officially, Thondaman, 76, will represent Sri Lanka at a trade union's conference of a regional group of seven nations scheduled to begin in New Delhi next week. (See Page 2)

**Political party:** Prominent Muslim leader Syed Shahabuddin plans to float a national Muslim political party with an aim to safeguard interests of minorities.

The decision to form a new party will be taken at a meeting of prominent Muslim legislators, leaders and academicians, to be held in New Delhi on July eight. Over 1,000 Muslim activists are taking part in the two-day meeting which will discuss various problems faced by Muslims in the country. (KUNA)

**A little better:** Former Philippine president Ferdinand Marcos was "a little better" following surgery to remove a donor kidney implanted 5 years ago, his wife Imelda said. But doctors said his condition remained very critical.

"His condition has not worsened since yesterday. He remains semi-comatose, but is responding to pain, but not command," Eugene Tiwanak, St Francis Medical Centre assistant administrator, said. — See Marcos life Page 2

**Ethnic strife:** Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev told the Soviet people on Saturday the wave of ethnic strife and local nationalism sweeping parts of the country could lead to disaster for all.

A serious-looking Gorbachev was speaking in a countrywide radio and television address clearly reflecting Kremlin alarm over mounting social and racial tension in several of the Soviet Union's 15 republics over the past three years. (Reuters)

**Hire a private eye:** A new detective agency in Leningrad allows citizens to hire a private eye with a KGB pedigree to work as an investigator or bodyguard, Sovetskaya Kultura said on Saturday.

The Leningrad detective bureau, billed as the first of its kind in the Soviet Union, is staffed with former agents from the committee for state security, or KGB, the prosecutor's office and the Ministry of Internal Affairs, the newspaper said. (Reuters)

**Shot dead:** An alleged narcotics trafficker dubbed by the Bogota press as the "queen of cocaine" was shot dead on Friday night by a man on a motorcycle as she was stepping out of her car, police said.

## China turns to veterans to lead internal party shakeup

BEIJING, July 1, (Agencies): China's Communist Party celebrated its 68th birthday today by announcing an investigation into members' behaviour during the recent protests for democracy.

With the party's image at a new low because of widespread corruption and the recent harsh reaction to protesters, party leaders turned to ageing veterans of the 1949 revolution to lead the internal shakeup.

Newly appointed party chief

Jiang Zemin told a gathering of several dozen semi-retired officials, most in their 70s or older, that they were expected to help in an "earnest rectification" extending from ideology to organisation.

The meeting was shown on the national television news. As the camera panned the room, not a single youthful official was seen, and many of those present wore hearing aids or slumped wearily in their chairs.

The party newspaper, the Peo-

ple's Daily, (Renmin Ribao), signalled in a front-page editorial that the shakeup would not be restricted to the party's top levels, where it began with the ouster last week of party chief Zhao Ziyang.

Some party branches, it said, were "weak and lax, and did not carry out their roles as fortresses in battle."

"The recent turmoil... severely tested every party member," the editorial said. "It is necessary to strictly check on the perfor-

mance of every party member in the struggle."

Since the Army entered Beijing on June 3-4 and used tanks and machine-guns to quell student-led protests for a freer society, party units have held frequent meetings to study the new line defending the crackdown.

However, there have been no reports so far of party members being purged on the grassroots level. Many party members took part in the student-led marches.

The People's Daily acknow-

ledged that some Chinese have lost confidence in the party in recent years, partly because many members sell favours from their privileged status or siphon off official funds. Strengthening the 47-million-member party is a "matter of life and death," it said.

The party also celebrated its birthday with dancing and singing in Tiananmen Square, the vast square, where students demanding reform staged rallies in April and May, was filled

today with civilians and soldiers who sang, "Without the Communist Party there would be no new China."

Official newspapers announced the start of the trial of three men accused of throwing paint May 23 on the portrait of revolutionary leader Mao Tse-tung that hangs from the Gate of Heavenly Peace. The People's Daily said they were charged with counterrevolutionary activities.

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### Grand Bingo

Both the Second and Third Full House prizes have been won. Mr. Paul Pereira will receive KD 60 for the Second and Mr. Altaf Hussain will get KD 40 for the Third Full House. The answer to the clue is 70.



## INTERNATIONAL

## NEWS IN BRIEF

## Jewels vanish

PARIS, July 1, (KUNA): Jewels worth 7.5 million francs (\$1.13 million) have mysteriously vanished at the Paris Charles de Gaulle Roissy airport a few days ago, it was reported here today.

## Britons in custody

LONDON, July 1, (UPI): Police held two Britons in custody yesterday for alleged involvement in an extortion racket behind a spate of incendiary bomb blasts in West German chain stores.

## Members arrested

LAPAZ, Bolivia, July 1, (AP): Authorities have arrested members of a Marxist group that killed two US missionaries and bombed the motorcade of ex-US Secretary of State George Shultz during a visit last year, the government said.

## US rejects charges

WASHINGTON, July 1, (UPI): The State Department yesterday rejected charges a US diplomat had broken laws in Czechoslovakia by contacting political dissidents, and US officials called the episode apparent retaliation for the May arrest of a Czechoslovak diplomat for spying in the United States.

## IRA fugitive

WASHINGTON, July 1, (Reuters): US attorney general Dick Thornburgh said yesterday that an Irish Republican Army (IRA) fugitive convicted of murdering a British soldier should be deported to Britain. But Thornburgh said the US government cannot take any further action to deport Joseph Patrick Thomas Doherty until an appeals court decides his case.

## Body found

FREEPORT, Texas, July 1, (AP): Divers battling stormy seas have found the body of three crewmen trapped inside a capsized oil-drilling vessel in the Gulf of Mexico, the coast guard said.

There was little hope of finding survivors, he said. Six workers from the oil-drilling vessel Titan were rescued after the 100-foot rig collapsed late Thursday, 26 miles (41 kms) south of Freeport.

## US-Korea pact

WASHINGTON, July 1, (UPI): The Bush administration is anticipating that South Korean officials arriving in Washington in mid-July will agree to a \$2.6 billion pact to co-produce 120 US fighter jets in Seoul, officials said yesterday.

The agreement has one member of Congress, Senator John Heinz, Republican of Pennsylvania, up in arms, because the proposed agreement would also include at least \$1.6 billion in economic offsets for South Korea.

## S. Africa shooting

JOHANNESBURG, July 1, (AP): As many as three citizens and five police officers were reported killed today in a disturbance at a community meeting in Bophuthatswana, one of the so-called independent homelands within South Africa.

## Seoul students give up

SEOUL, July 1, (UPI): About 600 dissident students who holed up overnight in a university building surrendered today, a day after 80 people were injured and 1,000 arrested in a violent confrontation with police.

About 20 students were arrested as they emerged from the five-storey building at Hanyang University in eastern Seoul, a spokesman for the protesters said.

Three men and a woman suffered injuries and were taken to a hospital.

The students, who have been seeking permission to visit North Korea, had refused to surrender unless students arrested in Friday's melee were released.

The authorities refused and most students were allowed to leave with family members.

But police vowed to arrest student leaders who have been campaigning to travel to the North Korean capital of Pyongyang for the eight-day 13th World Youth Festival, which opened today.

Police have circulated lists seeking the arrest of about 30 student leaders, saying they represent "organisations benefiting the enemy" and face harsh punishment. The leaders are accused of violating the National Security Law, which outlaws unauthorized visits to North Korea.

On Friday, police battled for nearly an hour with about 5,000 students who had gathered for a planned march to the truce village of Panmunjom 35 miles (56 km) north of Seoul.

Students hurled firebombs and rocks and swung iron pipes and sticks at police, who fired tear-gas grenades from seven mobile launchers, witnesses said.

About 60 police officers and 40 students were injured in the clash, and 1,000 youths were arrested, police officials said.

More than 1,200 students slipped out of the campus, but about 600 remained behind, barricading themselves in a school building and staging the overnight sit-in, witnesses said.

## Sun, fun and syringes in the sand

LONDON, July 1, (AP): Beaches from the chic Riviera to the chilly English Channel are beginning to be hit by the same blight that reached US shores last summer: syringes in the sand.

Dropped by drug users, the needle refuse on European shores hasn't been as putrid as the waste and blood that washed up on the US East Coast.

No one is reported to have contrac-

ted any diseases from contact with the needles, but French, British and Spanish children have been pricked.

As the number of discarded needles increases, concern is growing over what a British newspaper calls the "syringe peril."

"We're very concerned for children. Children are going to be digging in the sand far more than adults," says Dr

Peter Green, medical officer for the south coast district of Torbay, where five people have been treated in the last month for needle injuries.

"The syringes have been found near what looked like burned-out fires, and from that we deduce these are from late night drug parties," he said. "These people are high-risk... we regard their equipment as potentially dangerous."

In neighbouring Exmouth district, five needles have been found in the last month although no one has been hurt. Still, European officials see no cause for panic or closing beaches. They are counting on public vigilance and extra cleaning.

Torbay authorities have asked metal detector owners for help, while one French mayor hopes to keep addicts

from their forays onto the sand.

Brian Hayes, a painter who was scratched on a south Devon beach near Salcombe, agrees that beaches should remain open.

"It's not a question of scaremongering," he says, explaining why he called a radio station to tell what happened to him. "People have to be careful where they sit and step. If I can sit on one,

anyone can."

On the French Riviera, a seven-year-old boy was pricked in swanky Cannes and a three-year-old girl was hurt at Cap d'Ail in June.

Dr Manuel Carballo, of the Geneva-based World Health Organisation's global programme on AIDS, partly blames changes in drug-taking methods.

## Marcos' life hangs on dialysis machine

Semi-comatose but better

HONOLULU, July 1, (UPI): Former Philippine president Ferdinand Marcos was semi-comatose and battling for life on a dialysis machine Friday following removal of a malfunctioning transplanted kidney, a hospital official said.

"The condition has not worsened since yesterday (Thursday). He remains semi-comatose, but is responding to pain, but not command," Eugene Tiwanak, St. Francis Medical Centre assistant administrator, said.

Doctors Thursday removed the kidney — which Marcos received in a transplant in 1984 — because his body had finally begun rejecting the organ. They hoped the operation would clear the massive infection which has gripped the ailing, exiled leader.

Marcos' temperature was down to about 100°F which Tiwanak called a favourable sign. It had been as high as 104°F prior to the operation.

Marcos' pulse was also slower than it had been prior to the operation, Tiwanak said, but indicated it was too early to tell if either improvement was permanent.

Marcos, 71, retains both his natural kidneys but neither functions and he will have to undergo dialysis daily, said Tiwanak.

Doctors hoped the reduction in temperature and pulse combined with control of the infection would allow Marcos' liver, which began to fail Wednesday, to function properly.

Marcos remained in the hospital's intensive care unit dependent on a respirator.

"His liver is still functioning, certainly not normally, but it seems to be constant at this time, it does not seem to be deteriorating," said Tiwanak.

Tiwanak disagreed with reports from friends and supporters of Marcos that the ailing former leader seemed to recognise them.

"He may open his eyes, but that does not mean he recognises people, it may be basically reflex," Tiwanak said.

His wife, Imelda, who spent Wednesday night at her husband's bedside, hosted a quiet dinner for her children and visitors at the Marcos' hillside home Thursday night, then returned to the hospital about midnight. She left about 6 am Friday.

Marcos' condition had worsened Wednesday as his fever increased and officials said he was unable to recognise family friends.

Marcos has been in the hospital since Jan 15, when he went in for treatment of lung ailments.



Imelda returns to the hospital with a family friend. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Philippines to buy new jets

MANILA, July 1, (Reuters): President Corason Aquino said today the Philippines was buying new jets and helicopters to strengthen the Air Force in the war against communist insurgents.

"We must be able to reach those who would threaten and kill the innocent, the elderly and children," she said in a speech at a Manila air base during ceremonies marking the Air Force's 42nd anniversary.

The Philippines plans to buy 18 jets from Italy to replace its present 20-year-old trainers, military officials said.

It also plans to buy 30 light attack helicopters from the United States. The Philippines relies on a fleet of ageing Huey gunships, many poorly maintained.

He earlier had two weeklong hospital stays in December for treatment of congestive heart failure.

He lapsed into critical condition May 16 and suffered massive heart, lung, and kidney failure two days later.

Marcos and his wife have continued to ask the Philippine government to allow him to return to his homeland to die, but the government of President Corason Aquino has refused, saying his return would threaten national security.

The Aquino government has also refused requests to let Marcos go home to bury his mother, Josefa Marcos, 95, died May 4, 1988 and her body has been lying

in state in the family home ever since. Marcos' condition has kept him from being prosecuted on federal racketeering charges in New York.

The Marcoses, Saudi Arabian businessman Adnan Khashoggi, and seven others are charged with embezzling \$345 million in Philippine government funds to buy prime Manhattan properties between 1972 and 1978.

They are accused of transferring the illegally obtained funds into the United States and defrauding financial institutions to buy the buildings, which were listed at \$300 million.

## China turn to aged leaders

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The three — a magazine editor, a teacher and a factory worker — were turned over to

police by student protesters who condemned the defacing. Authorities hung a new Mao portrait hours later.

An influential House of Com-



Sheh Tong, wanted by the Chinese govt, explains to reporters what happened on June 4 when soldiers cleared Tiananmen Square. Sheh escaped from China on June 11 with three Canadian journalists. (Reuters wirephoto)

mons committee rejected calls to allow all 2.5 million British passport holders in Hong Kong to immigrate to Britain and recommended an international effort to accommodate them in the event of a crisis.

The foreign affairs select committee report also recommended the speedy introduction of full democracy in Hong Kong so it would be in place before the 1997 Chinese takeover.

A leader of the Chinese pro-democracy movement, in hiding since fleeing probably persecution in his homeland, said yesterday economic sanctions against China will help revive the student movement.

Jiang Mian, the son of new Chinese party chief Jiang Zemin, lives in a modest brick row house near the campus of Drexel University, fiercely guarding his privacy as a graduate student in engineering.

## Baker heads East in an attempt to build a new relationship between US and Asia

WASHINGTON, July 1, (Reuters): Trade friction, peace in Cambodia and aid for the struggling Philippines will be high on the agenda when James Baker makes his first solo trip to Asia as US Secretary of State.

Until recently, Baker, who begins his trip on Monday, has focused largely on East-West issues.

Now he is pressing a plan to create a new mechanism for economic and political co-operation in the Pacific, goaded by a strong desire to avert trade wars in the Pacific rim.

Baker's first stop is Tokyo, where on Tuesday he

will attend a conference in which Japan and other prosperous nations are to pledge funds for a multinational programme to aid the hard-pressed Philippine economy.

Japan is expected to make a generous pledge and Baker is expected to praise Tokyo for its generosity. The US has been pressing Japan to provide more Third World aid.

"Its role in the Philippines... offers a prime example of the good Japan can do in bolstering emerging democracies and sharing responsibilities," Baker, who accompanied President

## Uno stays away from Tokyo election

TOKYO, July 1, (Agencies): Japan's scandal-tainted Prime Minister Sosuke Uno stayed away from the final hours of the campaign for tomorrow's Tokyo municipal elections, amid increasing calls within his party for his resignation.

"He has not been out campaigning, nor does he plan to do so. There has been no request for him to come from candidates of the Liberal Democratic Party (LDP)," an official at the prime minister's office said today.

Asked about a report yesterday that LDP elders had urged Uno to resign, party secretary Ryutaro Hashimoto told reporters:

"I am aware of that. Some young members are moving the same way. If our party suffers a major setback (in the upper house election scheduled for July 23), the party will be in serious trouble."

## Speculation

There has been speculation that Uno, enmeshed in a web of lurid sex scandals and seen as a liability for the LDP, may step down as early as next week if the party fares badly in tomorrow's municipal elections.

The LDP's heavy defeat last Sunday in a by-election of Niigata prefecture, a traditional LDP stronghold north of Tokyo, was partly attributed to female voters who disapproved of Uno's private life.

Uno succeeded Noboru Takeuchi as prime minister early last month with a "Mr Clean" reputation because he was untainted by the Recruit shares-for-favours scandal.

The LDP had hoped the former foreign minister could help revive the ruling party's fortunes, hard-hit by the Recruit scandal, an unpopular sales tax enacted in April and its policy of opening up Japan's agricultural markets.

However, revelation of Uno's alleged involvement with geishas and bar-hustlers has further dented the party's popularity.

## Important

Earlier this week, LDP sources said Uno had tried to resign on Tuesday, but with the Paris summit of industrialised democracies approaching on July 14-16, senior members of the party had persuaded him to stay on.

Tomorrow's Tokyo municipal polls are seen as a pointer to the upper house elections on July 23, which themselves will lead on to the more important lower house elections which could be held as early as October.

Socialist Asae Uemura, a divorced mother of two trying to beat male incumbents and the party that has ruled Japan for decades, seems to have everything going for her politically.

Until recently, a candidate like Uemura would not have generated much optimism. But a series of scandals and an unpopular new tax have played into the hands of opposition office-seekers.

Public opinion polls paint a dismal picture for the governing Liberal Democratic Party in the election tomorrow.

With 9 million eligible voters, Tokyo is being watched closely as an indicator of what could lie ahead for the Liberal Democrats.

Only 25 per cent of Tokyo voters polled by the Asahi Shimbun newspaper said they plan to support Liberal Democratic candidates, down from 34 per cent who expressed support before the last such elections were held in 1985.

A Kyodo news service poll released Thursday showed 16 per cent supporting the Socialists, the top national opposition party, while support for the Liberal Democrats had fallen from 42.4 to only 13.2 per cent.

George Bush on an Asian tour in February, said in a speech this week.

On Wednesday, Baker will travel to Brunei for a meeting of foreign ministers representing ASEAN, the Association of South East Asian Nations.

Baker said in his speech he would try, in Japan and at the ASEAN gathering, to establish "the framework for a new Pacific partnership... Clearly, the need for a new mechanism for multilateral co-operation among the nations of the Pacific rim is a idea whose time has come."

Baker said he was concerned there was no



Blackened by smoke and fire, a female office worker takes oxygen while her colleague catches his breath. (Reuters wirephoto)



Freighters carry a critically injured woman from the sixth floor of the burning office building. (Reuters wirephoto)

## 4 die, dozens hurt in office fire

ATLANTA, July 1, (AP): A fire touched off by a series of explosions sent choking smoke through a 10-storey office building yesterday, killing at least four people and injuring dozens. Terrified workers smashed windows with chairs, and a woman jumped from the sixth floor.

Many people escaped by climbing onto fire-fighters' ladders.

About 200 people, many of them office workers with soot-blackened clothing and skin, gathered on the street outside the Peachtree 25th Building. Some sat down, breathing from oxygen masks.

Witnesses said the fire in the South Tower of the black glass building erupted in mid-morning.

The blaze was preceded by a series of explosions on the sixth floor, witnesses said, which occurred when two electrical workers were repairing a fuse 30 minutes after a power failure.

Fire officials said one of the electrical workers was killed. They could not account for the source of the

explosions. The blaze spread two floors below and one above, said Sandra Walker, a spokeswoman for Mayor Andrew Young.

"My understanding is that some firefighters could have saved or helped more people if they didn't panic. But some people did panic," Ms Walker said.

"When you have people jumping out of windows, you've got a panic situation," said Tom Perrin, Atlanta's acting fire chief.

Perrin said the building was built in 1962, before a requirement that public buildings have sprinklers. "Three of the fire victims could have been saved if there had been a sprinkler system in this building," he said.

Tony Gaines, an attendant in the County Medical Examiner's Office, said the office had received reports of four deaths.

## India-Lanka tussle Settlement hopes

WASHINGTON, July 1, (AP): The United States hopes India and Sri Lanka together "can develop a timetable for the withdrawal of Indian troops" from the smaller country, the US State Department said yesterday.

State Department spokeswoman Margaret Tutwiler told reporters "we support efforts to end the violence and bloodshed in Sri Lanka."

She added: "We hope that these two democratic countries who have co-operated so closely together in the past, can develop a timetable for withdrawal of Indian troops that minimizes the prospects for bloodshed in war-torn Sri Lanka, while recognising Sri Lanka's right as a sovereign independent state."

Tutwiler declined to say whether

her statement meant that the US government supports or opposes a recent request by Sri Lankan President Ranasinghe Premadasa that the Indian military force leave by the end of July.

She said she would seek clarification. Premadasa was elected president last year on a pledge to send home the Indian soldiers who entered under a 1987 agreement between the two countries.

The move was aimed at disarming Tamil minority separatists who have fought a guerrilla war in Sri Lanka that cost 9,000 lives in the past six years.

Asked to comment on withdrawal prospects Friday, India's visiting Defence Minister, Krishna Pant, called it a difficult issue.

## Biharis protest

DHAKA, July 1, (Reuters): Steel-helmeted riot police struggled to keep order as nearly 2,000 Biharis staged a noisy protest in Dhaka today against delay in their repatriation to Pakistan.

Witnesses said traffic halted at key points as the Urdu-speaking men, women and children, many frail and sick, marched from their camps towards the government secretariat in central Dhaka.

The Biharis migrated to former East Pakistan from India's Bihar state following partition of British India in 1947 and opposed East Pakistan's emergence as independent Bangladesh 25 years later. About 380,000 were left behind in Bangladesh when Pakistani troops surrendered.

Some 120,000 Biharis were resettled in Pakistan under a 1973 agreement. The rest have since been living in 46 small camps in Dhaka and elsewhere in Bangladesh.

"Everyone knows we opposed the independence of Bangladesh and fought against the liberation fighters."



# Chappaquiddick jurors cry cover-up

## Kennedy took the rap, panelist says

BOSTON, July 1, (AP): Almost 20 years after Sen. Edward Kennedy's car plunged off the bridge at Chappaquiddick Island, several grand jurors who investigated the accident have come forward to say the district attorney hindered their probe.

One of the jurors, Robert E. Maciel, said yesterday that there was a "cover-up" in the case, but said he believed Kennedy was the victim, not the perpetrator.

"I think the man is innocent," Maciel said. "I don't believe Kennedy was driving that car. I think he took the blame for somebody else."

Mary Jo Kopechne, a 28-year-old secretary, was a passenger in Kennedy's Oldsmobile when it skidded off Dike Bridge on Martha's Vineyard Island, Massachusetts on July 19, 1969. Trapped in the vehicle, she drowned in 8 feet (2.4 metres) of water in a tidal pond.

Kennedy, the brother of assassinated US President John F. Kennedy and assassinated presidential candidate Robert F. Kennedy and later a presidential candidate himself, did not report the accident to police until 10 hours later. He received a suspended sentence for leaving the scene of an accident.

Maciel and the grand jury foreman, Leslie H. Leland, said former District Attorney Edmund Dinis prevented the 23-member jury from calling several key witnesses, including Kennedy and his cousin, Joseph Gargan Jr., because they had previously testified at an inquest.

Leland, a 49-year-old pharmacist on Martha's Vineyard, said Dinis, the Dukes County prosecutor, also refused to let the grand jury read the transcript of the inquest.

"When those two avenues were closed off, there was nothing for us to do really but go

home," Leland said.

Dinis has denied stonewalling the investigation and has said there was not enough evidence to justify indicting Kennedy for manslaughter.

"I've lived with this thing for 20 years, and there have been all these innuendos that we were bought off," Leland said. "The bottom line is, the grand jury tried its hardest to get to the truth, but we were not able to do our job."

Maciel, who owns a boatyard on Martha's Vineyard, said he did not know why Kennedy would have taken the blame for someone else, "unless it was someone very young."

Kennedy has said he made a wrong turn that night and ended up on the narrow Dike Bridge. He also has said that he and a friend repeatedly dove to the car in unsuccessful rescue attempts, and that afterward he was "exhausted and in a state of shock."

## PEOPLE AND PLACES

BOSTON: Neon and videotape have replaced oils and watercolours at an art exhibit devoted exclusively to computers.

More than 50 works by computer artists from around the world went on display Friday at the Computer Museum. The art, including two- and three-dimensional works, kinetic sculpture, animation and poly-dimensional works on videotape, runs until September.

Among the works: the 144 neon lights that form San Francisco artist Karl X. Hauser's "Wall-o-Fish" and New York artist Lillian Schwartz's chrome-plated mobile "Capricious Constellations."

The exhibit titled "Computer Art in Context" is part of a conference on computer graphics sponsored by Siggraph, one of the world's leading professional associations of computer graphics researchers and practitioners. (AP)

SAN FRANCISCO: Roman Catholic churches are helping a minister and rabbi gather signatures for a petition drive to force a referendum on the city's domestic partners ordinance.

Though the petition is not officially sanctioned by Archbishop John Quinn, some local Catholic churches have encouraged parishioners to sign it after Sunday masses, church officials said.

In their petition, the Rev. Charles McElmurry of the First Orthodox Presbyterian Church and Rabbi Lamed Finkels say the domestic partners ordinance "arbitrarily redefined the time-honoured and hallowed nature of the family, flying therewith in the face of some of society's most precious values. It is only fair that the issue... should be submitted at all the voters."

The law — enacted June 5 — is intended to extend health benefits to "domestic partners" of city workers. Under the law, live-in lovers would be entitled to bereavement leave and hospital visitation rights. (AP)

COLUMBUS, Ohio: Congressman Donald Lukens was sentenced yesterday to 30 days in jail and fined \$500 for having sex with a 16-year-old girl last year.

The Ohio Republican was convicted May 26 in Franklin County Domestic Relations Court of a misdemeanor charge of contributing to the delinquency and immorality of a minor following a five-day trial.

A jury deliberated 1-2 hours before finding the 58-year-old divorced congressman guilty of paying \$200,000 of Columbus \$40 for sex at his Columbus apartment. (AP)

LOS ANGELES: Actress Zsa Zsa Gabor was charged on Friday with hitting a Beverly Hills policeman when he pulled over her Rolls Royce last month claiming her licence plate was out of date.

Police allege Gabor drove off and had to be stopped for a second time in the June 14 incident. She was alleged to have then slapped the policeman.

Gabor was charged with battery on a policeman, disobeying the policeman, having an expired driver's licence, having an open container of alcohol in her car and having an expired car registration.

Convicted on all charges the eight-times married Gabor, whose age is listed as 65 or 68, could be sentenced to two years in jail and fined \$4,000. (Reuters)

LOS ANGELES: At his inauguration to an unprecedented fifth term Friday, Mayor Tom Bradley declared his love for the city and its people, and the dark cloud of an ongoing investigation into his financial affairs.

The headlines will come and go. The thirty-second sound bites will be heard and then fade from our memories. What will happen after we are gone, what will come in the ultimate balance, are the doors of opportunity that we have opened, the air that has been cleaned, the neighbourhoods that have been given new life, a generation that has been given new hope," he said.

The 71-year-old mayor, long considered a national force in black politics, his wife Ethel at his side, was given a standing ovation as he was sworn in by longtime friend superior court Judge Jack Tanner on the steps of City Hall before a crowd of about 3,000 people. (UPI)

SALEM, Massachusetts: A man accused of killing his wife and then commandeering an airplane and firing an assault rifle into Boston from the air was judged incompetent to stand trial for murder Wednesday.

Brockton District Court Judge Charles E. Black made the ruling after reviewing a doctor's evaluation, said Stephen O'Connell, spokesman for the Essex County District Attorney's Office.

Alfred Hunter, 42, was committed to Bridgewater State Hospital for up to six months. Another competency hearing may be scheduled at that time.

Hunter was accused of shooting his ex-wife, Elvira, eight times with the assault rifle in front of their 5-year-old son on May 10.

Authorities say he then took a small plane at gunpoint and buzzed several Boston neighbourhoods, twice forcing officials at Logan International Airport to flee the control tower.

Hunter later surrendered to authorities, and pleaded innocent to charges of murder and armed robbery on May 11.

AUSTIN, Texas: Police arrested a farm supply salesman and charged him with criminal mischief in the poisoning of a legendary, centuries old oak tree during what was described as a ritual.

Paul Steadman Cullen, 45, of Elroy, was held in lieu of \$20,000 bail in connection with pouring the powerful herbicide velpar around Treaty Oak, authorities announced Thursday.

Legend has it that Stephen F. Austin, the Father of Texas, signed the first boundary agreement between the Indians and settlers under the oak's branches.

The Treaty Oak is struggling to survive the poisoning. (AP)

PARMA, Italy: The European Economic Community and four cities where modern printing was born announced Friday a major new media prize for European newspapers and television: the Stendhal Award for Journalism and Communications.

The prize, named after the French writer who spent much of his time in Italy, will honour the best front page, best business section, best European coverage and best TV news show of the continent.

The prize was created by the European Economic Community and private sponsors and will be administered by a foundation endowed with \$1.5 million. The first awards will be made in September 1990 on the basis of entries submitted in 1989. (AP)

## Mom's hit tells son Baseball kills boy

ARVADA, Colorado, July 1, (AP): A six-year-old boy died of heart failure after his mother hit a baseball during a family game and it struck him on the chest, officials said.

Brian Patrick Ryan was pronounced dead Thursday night after being struck by the baseball during the game in this Denver suburb.

An autopsy showed he died of acute heart failure due to arrhythmia — an alteration in the rhythm of the heartbeat — from blunt trauma, officials said.

"He put his glove up. He missed it," said his father, Pat Ryan. "The ball hit his chest. I heard a thump. He turned around and looked at me."

Ryan, standing behind to coach him, grabbed his son and ran for help.

The boy was airlifted to St Anthony Hospital Central, where he was pronounced dead.

## Call-boy tour is focus of inquiry

WASHINGTON, July 1, (Agencies): The Secret Service says it does not know who might have authorized a private White House tour allegedly given to members of a homosexual prostitution ring now under federal investigation.

The focus on private White House tours came after The Washington Times reported that Craig J. Spence, a prominent Washington lobbyist and one-time registered foreign agent for Japan, arranged tours of the White House — once around mid-

night for friends and business associates. It said one such group included two male prostitutes from escort services that are now the subject of an investigation by US Attorney Jay Stephens.

Secret Service spokesman Allan Cramer said yesterday that officials holding White House passes can escort guests through the West Wing, site of the Oval Office, at special times. But he said records from the Reagan administration, when the tour in question allegedly occurred, are no longer available.

A source familiar with White House operations said late-night tours were not unusual.

"It's very quiet then. Everybody is gone for the day so you can show people around more freely," the source said.

"Anybody who has a White House pass can bring guests into the White House," another administration official said. "All you have to do is know someone."

One unidentified man quoted by The Times recalled a tour on July 3, 1988. "We just thought, neat, we got a free midnight tour of the White House," he said.

Cramer said the Secret Service did not know who booked the party on July 3, 1988, because all White House records from the period, including visitors' logs, have been shipped to California for eventual placement in the Ronald Reagan Library, which has yet to be built.

Spence is known as a Washington power-broker whose parties during the Reagan administration attracted prominent individuals including former CIA Director William Casey, journalist Ted Koppel and James Lilley, the ambassador to China. The Times said credit card records it obtained show Spence frequently patronized a homosexual prostitution network.

Former US Attorney Joseph DiGenova, now a private lawyer, said Spence was a well-connected authority on trade matters who frequently threw parties for prominent Washingtonians.

Stephens and the Secret Service confirmed Thursday they are investigating possible credit card fraud involving the escort services, which operated under names such as "Dream Boys" and "Man to Man."

The investigation is based on records seized in raids on a house in an upscale Washington neighbourhood that police say was used by the services. Police seized numerous bank statements, credit card slips and a diary of the business.

The Times reported the ring was patronized by Reagan and George Bush administration officials and congressional aides. Paul R. Balsch resigned his job as Labour Secretary Elizabeth Dole's political personnel liaison to the White House on Thursday after his name appeared in print.



The ugly ducklings

Sequoia Greenfield, coated with oil and carrying toy ducks, waits to testify before the President's Task Force on offshore drilling Friday in Arcata, California. Greenfield was one of more than 50 people who opposed oil drilling off the northern coast of California. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Oh say, can you see ...

### ... Bush singin' 'Do-wah-diddy?'

GRAND RAPIDS, Michigan, June 30, (Agencies): Manfred Mann's 1964 rock hit "Do-wah-diddy" would be the perfect replacement for the United States' national anthem, said a man who has formed a group backing the switch.

Paul St Paul, a New York native now working in communications for a Grand Rapids manufacturing firm, has formed "America, Change the Anthem Now," or American Can, in an effort to scuttle the "Star Spangled Banner" in favour of the Mann hit.

"I don't like the song," he said of the banner. "It's stodgy, staid, not easy to dance to and, frankly, may be the worst song ever written."

St. Paul conceded the effort to dump the traditional anthem is a long shot.

"After all, the other piece has been around, what, 200 years? But that doesn't mean I have to like the song," said St Paul, 39, whose real last name is Kidwell. "I hate the song."

The Mann tune, conversely, embodies the US dream, he said.

"Do Wah Diddy" is the perfect replacement song, in part because it embodies the American dream. You know, boy meets girl, boy falls in love with girl, boy gets girl.

## Bush's burning issue

### Amendment backed

WASHINGTON, July 1, (Reuters): President George Bush yesterday endorsed a starkly-worked constitutional amendment to outlaw desecration of the American flag.

"To burn the flag, to dishonour it, is simply wrong," Bush told a crowd gathered at the Statue of Five Marines raising the flag of the South Pacific island of Iwo Jima in World War Two.

Bush, a Navy pilot in that war who campaigned for president on a pro-patriotism platform, made the flag-burning issue his own after the Supreme court ruled last week that burning the Stars and Stripes as a political protest is protected under the

constitutional right to free speech.

"Before we accept dishonour to our flag, we must ask ourselves how many have died following the order to defend the colours," Bush said, gesturing to the monument, based on a news photograph taken after the 1945 battle in which 7,000 US servicemen were killed.

The proposed constitution amendment Bush endorsed reads: "The Congress and the states shall have power to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States." A constitutional amendment requires approval by the legislatures of two-thirds of the 50 states.

## Ollie loses chance for a new trial

WASHINGTON, July 1, (UPI): US District Judge Gerhard Gesell rejected Oliver North's bid for a new trial Friday, clearing the way for the former White House aide to be sentenced next Wednesday for his crimes in the Iran-Contra scandal.

In a nine-page ruling, Gesell dismissed the former Marine's claims that he should receive a new trial because one of the jurors who convicted him, Tara King, acknowledged that she had used drugs months before the trial and that she was not truthful on a juror questionnaire.

"No proof was presented indicating that King was unfair or that she failed in any way to serve conscientiously. She voted to acquit North of many felony counts," the judge said in his ruling.

Gesell added that challenges such as North's "arise with some frequency in cases when the defendant has ample resources."

North, 45, was convicted May 4 of three felony counts stemming from the Iran-Contra scandal, in which arms were sold to Iran and sale profits were secretly funnelled to the Contra rebels trying to overthrow Nicaragua's government. King and 11 other Washington residents who made up the jury acquitted him on nine other counts.

## Convicted in girl's death

## No jail for parents

SARASOTA, Florida, July 1, (UPI): A couple convicted of third-degree murder in the death of their daughter by withholding medical treatment because of their Christian Science beliefs were given suspended prison sentences yesterday.

William Hermanson, 42, and his wife Christine, 38, were convicted April 18 in the death of their daughter, Amy, 7, who suffered from diabetes.

They contended they were following their religious beliefs in treating her by prayer, and defence attorneys cited a state law that allows parents to follow their religious convictions in handling medical situations.

The jury sided with prosecutors and found the couple guilty of the murder charge and of aggravated child abuse.

Sarasota Circuit Judge Stephen Dakan gave each parent a 4-year suspended sentence.

## Tammy Faye praying for truth during PTL trials

CHARLOTTE, North Carolina, July 1, (UPI): Tammy Faye Bakker says she is praying for the people who have told lies about her television evangelist husband Jim and is trusting God to make them tell the truth once the PTL trials get under way.

Tammy Faye has been subpoenaed to testify against her husband's former aide, David Taggart, and his brother James, whose trial begins Wednesday on charges they failed to pay taxes on \$1.1 million they allegedly took from PTL.

"I'm not one bit afraid to go to court," she said in a telephone interview from her Florida home. "We are not guilty. We're going in as innocent people and we will not come out as guilty people."

The Taggart trial is the first of two in the PTL scandal. Jim Bakker and his former right-hand man at PTL, Richard Dortch, face trial later this summer on fraud and conspiracy charges. Tammy Faye has not been charged with anything.

"If our case is tried on truth, we will win," she said. "I'm asking God that everyone will simply tell the truth. If everyone will tell the truth, we will win. I'm praying for all the men who are lying. I pray for them daily, that God will help them."

The Bakkers have been living just outside Orlando, Florida, for the past two months, filming their television ministry at Shopper's World, a mall they leased a few miles from Walt Disney World.

## Pravda praises master KGB spy

MOSCOW, July 1, (Reuters): Pravda said today that former KGB agent Glenn Michael Southern had given Moscow details of US plans in the event of nuclear war and said he was in the same league as master spies Kim Philby and George Blake.

In an article praising the US naval intelligence worker turned KGB major, the Communist Party daily suggested he had been disappointed by aspects of Soviet life after defecting in 1986 and said he was prone to depression.

However, it added that Southern, who committed suicide last week at the age of 32, had written a final note to friends in the KGB saying he never regretted what he had done and asking to be buried in his KGB uniform.

"Michael Southern did everything to help the forces of peace," Pravda said. "He had access to the most precious documents uncovering plans of the US engagement in nuclear war against the Soviet Union and other Socialist countries."

"He occupies a place in the line of KGB intelligence workers to which belong such outstanding soldiers of the invisible front as Kim Philby and George Blake," the newspaper added. "Thanks to them... the atom bombs did not fall on Soviet cities."

The article, putting Southern's activities on a par with that of the two British KGB spies who caused major damage to Western intelligence in the 1940s and 1950s, was the latest in a series of revelations begun with a simple press obituary on Tuesday.

A US Defence Department spokesman has admitted Southern was under investigation even before he defected to the Soviet Union in 1986 but said it was still not known if he had given damaging secrets to the Soviet Union.

"We have no idea whether any sensitive information was passed and, if so, what it was," Pentagon spokesman Pete Williams told reporters in Washington on Thursday. "There is damage assessment going on."

Williams also confirmed a report in the New York Times that Southern's first wife, an Italian, told the Navy as long ago as 1981 that he was spying for Moscow. The Soviet press said he later married a Russian, by whom he had an 18-month-old daughter.

Southern, whose defection became widely known last July when he appeared on Soviet television requesting political asylum, worked at one of the largest US Navy bases, where he had access to "space intelligence," Pravda said.

It said Southern, who resigned from the US Navy and joined the reservists in mid-1982, also specialised in intelligence photography and was the personal photographer of the commander of the US Sixth Fleet serving in the Mediterranean.

He decided to flee to the Soviet Union after the FBI summoned him for questioning about one of his friends.

In its account, Pravda suggested that disillusionment with the day-to-day reality of Soviet life may have contributed to the eventual suicide of Southern, who assumed the name of Mikhail Yevgenyevich Orlov after he defected.

"Of course, when he arrived on Soviet soil, he did not meet all the things he had dreamed of," Pravda said. "For example, he failed to understand how it is possible to go shopping and not find the things you are looking for."

**Drug may cut costs**

NEW YORK, July 1, (AP): A new, experimental version of a drug that interrupts heart attacks is a step toward cutting treatment cost and possibly reducing risk of a second heart attack after therapy, a researcher says.

Laboratory results reported Thursday are part of an effort to create a version of tissue plasminogen activator that will work longer in the body, said Joseph Sambrook.

A longer-lasting version might make treatment cheaper by permitting smaller doses of the drug, called TPA, he said.

TPA treatment, which costs about \$2,000, requires a continuous infusion over a few hours because a given dose works only briefly. In contrast, treatment with a drug called Streptokinase, administered in a single injection, costs about one-tenth as much.

TPA stops heart attacks by dissolving blood clots. Most heart attacks occur when a clot plugs an artery that feeds blood to part of the heart muscle.



## INTERNATIONAL

## NEWS IN BRIEF

## Broad overhaul

WASHINGTON, July 1, (AP): Defense Secretary Dick Cheney has proposed a broad overhaul of top US military committees that would give a small group the power to make major decisions, according to a White House source.

Cheney, responding to a request by President George Bush, for a review of defense management, recently sent the White House a proposal to form an "executive committee" that would assume many of the powers of the current Defense Resources Board, the source said.

## NASA, FAA chiefs

WASHINGTON, July 1, (AP): President George Bush signed legislation yesterday authorizing the appointment of two military men as heads of government agencies, the White House announced.

Richard Truly, a rear admiral in the Navy, becomes administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. He is a former astronaut who has flown into space twice on the shuttle. Adm. James Busey becomes administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration.

## Lawsuit settled

WASHINGTON, July 1, (AP): The Energy Department has agreed to pay at least \$73 million to Ohio residents who claimed they were hurt by contamination from the Fernald nuclear weapons plant, a senior official said.

Henson Moore, deputy secretary, said terms of the settlement of a lawsuit by the group, which originally sought \$300 million, were approved by Energy Secretary James Watkins on Friday.

## Call for probe

DENVER, July 1, (AP): A federal judge Wednesday ordered a special federal grand jury impaneled to investigate alleged criminal activity at Rocky Flats nuclear weapons plant.

There are two regular grand juries in Colorado, but US district judge Sherman Finesilver said a special one should be called Aug 1 because "there is a possibility of a lengthy investigation."

## Pershing-1 A's end

WASHINGTON, July 1, (Reuters): The United States will eliminate the last of its Pershing-1A missiles on July 6 under the year-old US-Soviet intermediate-range nuclear forces (INF) treaty, the Defense Department said on Wednesday.

The milestone will be reached at the Longhorn Army ammunition depot near Marshall, Texas, when the first and second stages of a Pershing-1A motor will be fired while they are locked to the ground, expending their fuel.

## Cardinal cheered

PRAGUE, July 1, (Reuters): Thousands of Czechoslovaks chanted demands for religious rights today during celebrations marking the 90th birthday of their Roman Catholic church leader.

Eight thousand people, including women in colorful Slovak and Moravian folk dress, filled Prague's St. Vitus Cathedral for a mass in tribute to Cardinal Frantisek Tomasek. Cardinals and bishops from East and West Europe also attended.

## By law, not by gun

THE HAGUE, July 1, (Reuters): The Non-Aligned Movement grouping 102 mainly Third World nations on Thursday launched a drive to solve conflicts by law instead of war.

"We've started a process that should lead to major decisions... to guarantee peace for our children and our children's children," Zambabwe's Foreign Minister Nathan Shamuyarira told journalists at the end of a four-day conference attended by representatives from 90 of the non-aligned states.

## Minister shot dead

PORT MORESBY, Papua New Guinea, July 1, (AP): Papua New Guinea Communications Minister Malupu Balakau was shot and killed by a gunman today, a news report quoted a hospital spokesman as saying.

Balakau was shot in the Western Highlands region near Mount Hagen according to an unidentified spokesman at Mount Hagen Hospital, the Australian Associated Press reported.

## Socialist beaten

MADRID, July 1, (KUNA): An alliance of Spain's centrist and rightist parties has managed to unseat Madrid's Socialist mayor, for the first time in 12 years.

A municipal council session here on Thursday night voted out Socialist mayor Juan Barco from office, replacing him by Augustine Rodriguez Samagon from the Democratic Centrist Party.

## Romania rejects

VIENNA, July 1, (Reuters): Romanian President Nicolae Ceausescu expressed concern at the weakening of Communist Party control in other countries and rejected any return to a multi-party system.

"We are puzzled and concerned by the tendencies to weaken the party's leading role in some countries, and by certain conceptions of reverting to the so-called multi-party system," Ceausescu told a party central committee meeting on Wednesday.

The Pan-Hellenic Socialist Union, PASOK, led by caretaker

## Soviet submarines: disasters in waiting

MOSCOW, July 1, (AP): The Soviet Union's submarines are disasters waiting to happen and top Navy officials are covering up the problem, a veteran officer says in a scathing attack published yesterday after two recent sub accidents.

Ilya Kolton, who served aboard Soviet submarines for 30 years, blamed Navy leadership and defence construction industry for carelessness and shoddy work that has cost sailors' lives.

"Construction deficiencies, plus imperfect crew rescue equipment, plus the startling slowness and

inertia of the naval agencies in introducing new ideas — such, in my opinion, is the alarming formula of the recent emergencies and tragedies," said Kolton, who now works as an atomic energy researcher.

His criticism of the world's largest submarine fleet was published in the Communist Party youth newspaper Komsomolskaya Pravda, whose readers include many young sailors and other members of the armed forces.

Although official commissions are still investigating, Kolton said the problems he cited were clearly

behind the April 7 fire and sinking of the experimental nuclear-armed and -powered submarine Komomolets, and Monday's accident aboard another nuclear-armed and -powered submarine.

A total of 42 sailors died in the Komomolets accident off Norway. In Monday's accident, also off Norway, a pipe burst in the cooling system of a reactor aboard an Echo II-class sub. No one was hurt, and the Soviets have said no radiation was leaked to the environment in either accident.

The Red Army newspaper Krasnaya Zvezda yes-

terday questioned whether the Echo II-class sub, built in the 1960s, should still be in use. It quoted Capt. Y. Magakov, acting head of the northern fleet's technical department, as saying the Navy was considering whether to continue using subs of the same design as the one involved in Monday's accident.

In an introduction to Kolton's article, Komsomolskaya Pravda noted the warships involved in the recent accidents had not been shot at.

## Kiszczak has better chance, says Walesa

Jaruzelski not to run for presidency

WARSAW, July 1, (Agencies): Solidarity leader Lech Walesa today said Interior Minister Gen. Czeslaw Kiszczak has a better chance to be elected president than communist leader Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski, who doesn't plan to run.

Jaruzelski told a plenum yesterday he did not want to run because he is too closely linked to the 1981 martial-law crackdown. He recommended Kiszczak for the job — a powerful position similar to the presidency created in the Soviet Union for Mikhail Gorbachev.

"Whether it's Jaruzelski or Kiszczak, it is an internal problem of the government coalition. It seems in this concrete situation that Gen. Kiszczak has bigger chances," Walesa told reporters before a meeting of Solidarity-backed senators and deputies.



Florakis, head of the communist-led alliance briefs the press on the result of his meeting with Sartzetakis. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Left and right form coalition

Cabinet to be sworn in today

ATHENS, July 1, (UPI): The presidential palace announced that Tzannis Tzanetakis, a member of conservative New Democracy Party, would head the next government in Greece.

President Christos Sartzetakis would swear in the cabinet tomorrow.

The announcement came shortly after New Democracy leader Constantine Mitsotakis and the communist head of the Leftist Alliance Harilaos Florakis said they had agreed to form an interim coalition government.

The duration of the government was not immediately announced, but political sources said it was expected to last three months. The new Parliament, elected June 18, was scheduled to convene on Monday.

Tzanetakis, a former Navy officer and New Democracy cabinet minister, was proposed as a compromise premier after Mitsotakis withdrew his demand to be prime minister in a coalition of the communist-led leftist alliance and the Conservative Party.

Mitsotakis and Florakis both made statements announcing the agreement after emerging from a meeting with Sartzetakis at the presidential palace today.

Sartzetakis held discussions with representatives of the three leading political parties. The New Democracy-Leftist Alliance agreement ended two weeks of intensive manoeuvring which began after the inconclusive June 18 general elections.

New Democracy won 145 seats in the 300-member Parliament, but fell six short of an overall majority, plunging Greece into a political crisis it had not experienced before.

The Pan-Hellenic Socialist Union, PASOK, led by caretaker

Prime Minister Andreas Papanastasiou, emerged in second place with 125 seats, and Florakis' communist-dominated Leftist and Progressive Alliance, won third position with 28 seats.

The alliance found itself in a position to form a coalition with either PASOK or New Democracy, and over the past two weeks Florakis was wooed by both Papanastasiou and Mitsotakis in efforts to form a coalition government.

Papanastasiou, hospitalized last week with pneumonia and kidney complications, was not present at the three-party meeting with Sartzetakis today, but his representative Alexis Tsahatzopoulos indicated PASOK would not join the interim government.

"There is now evidence of a plot against the will of the people," Tsahatzopoulos said on emerging from the meeting at the presidential palace.

Tzanetakis, 62, is a former Navy officer who served as public works minister in the New Democracy government before the party was voted out of office in 1981. He was elected to Parliament June 18 from the Athens constituency.

The agreement at the presidential palace today came after Florakis returned his three-day mandate to Sartzetakis near midnight yesterday without being able to form a communist-led government.

But he said yesterday his Leftist Alliance was ready to form a coalition with the conservative New Democracy Party, and repeated this before going in to meet the President today.

Earlier during the week, Florakis held discussions with both Papanastasiou and Mitsotakis, and both insisted on being prime minister in a coalition with the Leftist Alliance.

"The general is paying now for everything he did that took place in Poland. Guilty or not guilty, let historians think about it, that's how it is."

The 259-member Solidarity union group of legislators met for the first time in the parliament building today.

Security guards used to a more orderly routine seemed bewildered by the friendly chaos in the main hall as journalists and legislators noisily mingled before the meeting in a room once restricted to the communist coalition.

Solidarity legislators urged Walesa today to run for the Polish presidency but the union leader said he was backing Kiszczak for the job.

The Solidarity group plans to discuss the national assembly's upcoming first session of the Sejm, or parliament, and newly created Senate. The group is expected to debate privately its position on the presidency.

At yesterday's plenum, the central committee neither accepted nor rejected Jaruzelski's proposal. Instead, the plenum asked Jaruzelski to reconsider his decision, the state-run news agency Pap reported. Party representatives in the Sejm asked likewise.

Jaruzelski imposed martial law on Dec 13, 1981, to crush the independent Solidarity trade union which had been legalized the previous year.

"Everybody praised Jaruzelski as a creator of the reforms and for saving Poland by the imposition of martial law," party spokesman Jan Bisztyga said after the central committee meeting.

As he spoke, anti-Jaruzelski demonstrators took to the streets in Warsaw, Kieles in southern Poland and Katowice in the southwest — the latest of a week of such rallies around the country.

Riot police clashed with about 300 demonstrators, mostly young people, in the capital barely 100 yards (90 m) from the central committee headquarters, using tear gas and water cannons to prevent them from getting closer.

Following its all-day session, the central committee reaffirmed its support for Jaruzelski and asked him to reconsider his decision. Biszyga said at a news conference after the meeting.

Pope John Paul II has decided to send an envoy to Warsaw, clearing the way for establishment of full diplomatic relations between the Vatican and Poland, according to a papal letter released today.

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Irish crisis Talks fail

DUBLIN, July 1, (Reuters): Talks on forming a new Irish government broke down today when the centre-right Progressive Democrats insisted on a coalition with caretaker Prime Minister Charles Haughey, Haughey has ruled out any coalition.

On Friday he put out feelers to the Progressive Democrats, who have the six seats needed to give him an overall majority.

But the Progressive Democrats insisted in talks with the caretaker prime minister that coalition should be contemplated.

## Poles apart

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## Ariane rocket disaster averted

KOUROU, French Guiana, July 1, (Reuters): A European space rocket failed to lift off yesterday after an apparently normal countdown and a senior space official said the rocket's safety systems averted what could have been a disaster.

After the countdown the Ariane-3 rocket, carrying a costly European Space Agency telecommunications satellite, refused to budge from its launchpad at the space centre in French Guiana.

Instead of the mission controller announcing lift-off and the roar of the rocket's boosters, there was complete silence.

A senior launch official said later the rocket's safety systems had detected that fuel was feeding into the rocket's third stage engines had not separated as required four seconds before launch.

"If the launcher had taken off we would have had a launch failure, but our security system worked and prevented a probable tragedy," Arianeespace general director Charles Bigot said.

Arianeespace officials were unable to comment on how close the mission had come to disaster. More than 200 tonnes of liquid fuel were scheduled to ignite as the countdown reached zero.

Space experts said a failure at such a crucial point of the mission was potentially disastrous and an explosion on lift-off could have wiped out a large part of the area.

Security officials at the Kourou base said everything within a six-km (four-mile) radius would have been engulfed in flames.

The nearest Ariane technicians are protected in a sealed underground bunker two km (over one mile) from the launchpad and the nearest spectators for a launch are 13 km (eight miles) away.

Officials for Arianeespace, the company that markets and launches the rocket, said the launch would be postponed for at least a week while technicians investigated the failure.

"It is too early to determine the precise reason for the problems," Bigot said.

Ariane missions have frequently been delayed by last-minute hitches but space experts watching the launch said they had never seen a rocket apparently fizzle out on the pad.

The mission involved an Ariane-3 rocket, the last of a generation of Western European rockets that have now been replaced by the bigger and more powerful Ariane-4s. These are designed to be the workhorse of Europe's space effort until the end of the century.

The Ariane-3 rocket was carrying Olympus-1, an advanced satellite built to transmit Italian and British television broadcasts and to carry out broadcasting experiments.

## US-Soviet accord on on-site arms inspection

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GENEVA, July 1, (Agencies): The United States and Soviet Union have agreed on procedures for on-site inspection at chemical arms sites to be proposed for inclusion in a draft global ban on the weapons, a Soviet official said yesterday.

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However, chief US delegate Max Friedensdorf said the Soviet statements appear "premature and exaggerated." He cautioned that an agreement will be reviewed in Washington before a decision on submitting it to the 40-nation conference on disarmament, which is negotiating a global chemical weapons ban.

Friedensdorf declined comment on the substance of the talks. He said the latest round brought some progress but "fundamental differences" remained.

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## Bulgaria accused of cultural genocide

ANKARA, July 1, (Reuters): Turkey launched a bitter attack against Bulgaria today, accusing it of a crime against humanity for its treatment of ethnic Turks.

As the number of ethnic Turks leaving for Turkey since May approached 100,000, Foreign Minister Mesut Yilmaz said Ankara had taken the issue to the United Nations and other world bodies.

"The Bulgarian government has been persistently committing a premeditated crime against humanity," he told a news conference.

"In international literature, the crime which the Bulgarian government has been so persistent in committing is also referred to as 'cultural genocide,'" Yilmaz said.

Yilmaz said he was not hopeful about Soviet efforts to start talks between its Warsaw Pact ally and NATO-member Turkey. "We see the Soviets making a sincere effort. Soon we will have new contacts with Moscow... but we are not hopeful."

He said Turkey had taken the issue to the UN, the Council of Europe, the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe, and the Organisation of Islamic Conference following Sofia's failure to respond to calls for talks on an emigration pact.

Yilmaz, who likened Bulgarian treatment of ethnic Turks to "the darkest period of the Middle Ages," said 96,877 had entered Turkey so far. Officials say 200,000 more could be on their way.

He reiterated that Turkey was willing to accept all of the estimated 1.5 million ethnic Turks in Bulgaria.

Yilmaz said ethnic Turks had since 1984 been subjected to a violent assimilation campaign, which sought to force them to shed their Muslim identities and culture.

He said at least 60 ethnic Turks were killed in protests in May before the flood of deportees and refugees started.

Bulgaria, which says seven people died in the protests, denies that the minority are Turks, saying their families were forced to take Islamic names during Ottoman Turkish rule.

Sofia has agreed to talks but left unclear whether it is ready to discuss a wide emigration pact sought by Ankara to safeguard property, cultural and other rights of ethnic Turks.

"Bulgaria has responded by denying the very existence of the problem, attempting to distort the issue and striving to impede the solution of this humanitarian question," Yilmaz said.

Prime Minister Turgut Ozal, opening an Ankara exhibition of photographs of fleeing ethnic Turks today, told reporters: "Bulgarian President Todor Zhivkov is rocking... I will get him to sit at the table."

Yilmaz said: "The Bulgarian government must come to realise its obligation to act in accordance with the requirements of our age. Above anything else, this calls for the abandonment of its policy of oppressing innocent people."

Nothing increased Western condemnation of Sofia, he said, possible sanctions against Bulgaria was on the West's agenda.



## Rightist killed

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador, July 1, (AP): Gunmen killed a prominent advocate of the far right in the second such assassination of a politician this month.

Witnesses said Edgar Chacon's car was raked with sub-machine-gun fire yesterday from a passing pickup truck at midday as he was driving in the Miramonte neighbourhood in the northwest area of the capital.

Patricia Gonzalez, a spokeswoman for Hospital Diagnostico, said Chacon, 42, died in the emergency room. No group claimed responsibility, but President Alfredo Cristiani blamed the leftist guerrillas of the Faribundo Marti National Liberation Front, also known as the FMLN.

Cristiani called it a "cowardly act by sick minds." He said Chacon "used only ideas and his beliefs to arms. He expressed what he thought was good and bad, and this demonstrates the inability of the FMLN to promote their cause with ideas instead of violence."

Chacon was director of the Institute for International Relations, a far-right think tank. A veteran anti-communist, he abandoned the right Republican National Alliance, also known as ARENA, several years ago.

The body of Chacon is wheeled (picture) to the morgue. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Mother Teresa opens three centres in Soviet Union

MOSCOW, July 1, (UPI): Mother Teresa announced the establishment yesterday of three permanent centres in the Soviet Union and said 12 sisters from her Missionaries of Charity will work with the poor and the sick in Moscow and two southern republics.

An official of the Armenian peace committee said four of the sisters will live in tiny metal mobile homes in the Caucasian republic, where a massive earthquake six months ago left 23,000 people dead and 500,000 homeless.

The frail 78-year-old Roman Catholic nun,

whose charitable work throughout the world from her base in Calcutta, India, earned her the 1979 Nobel peace prize, said the Soviet Union is the 80th country in which she has set up missions.

"Our sisters are very happy to be here with you all," Mother Teresa said at a news conference. "We do this as an act of tender love and care all over the world," she said.

Alexander Alexidze, head of the Georgian peace committee, said beneficiaries of the sisters' work in the republican capital of Tbil-

isi will include poison-gas victims of authorities' brutal April 9 crackdown on demonstrators in which 20 people are believed to have died.

Mother Teresa previously came to the Soviet Union soon after two of the worst catastrophes in a string of disasters that have struck the country in the past three years — the April 1986 Chernobyl nuclear power plant explosion and the December 1988 quake in Armenia.



# Gulf faces instability due to talks deadlock

Don't interfere, Iraq warns Iran

UNITED NATIONS, July 1, (Agencies): Iran warned yesterday that the Gulf region faces more instability because of the deadlocked UN-sponsored peace talks and Iraq's "obstructionist positions."

Iran's Ambassador in Geneva, Sirous Nasser, said peace talks between the two countries since the Aug 20, 1988, ceasefire have not made any progress.

"There still exists only an unstable ceasefire," Nasser told reporters. "With the current trend of discussions, there is no indication of possible progress."

"As a result, the situation between the two countries remains

vulnerable and the Gulf region continues to risk further instability," Nasser said.

He said Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar needed "more firmness" in dealing with Iraq and the Security Council should show "commitment to its own resolution."

Nasser met with Perez de Cuellar at UN headquarters Wednesday and held several meetings with UN officials in the past three weeks to review the status of the talks.

He said yesterday Perez de Cuellar has been trying to "salvage the talks" and described the last ministerial meeting held in Geneva April 20-23 as "disastrous."

UN spokesman Francois Guiliani rejected Nasser's comments, saying that there was no "erosion" of the negotiations conducted by the UN chief executive with Foreign Ministers Ali Akbar Velayati of Iran and Tariq Aziz of Iraq.

Guiliani said arrangements were being made to set up separate meetings between the foreign ministers and Perez de Cuellar when he will be in Geneva next week for the annual session of the UN economic and social council.

Negotiations for a comprehensive agreement that would end the conflict between Iran and Iraq began five days after the ceasefire was declared. Perez de Cuellar has held so far five face-to-face meetings with the foreign ministers in New York and Geneva without reaching any apparent progress.

The talks were conducted within the framework of UN Security Council Resolution 435, which called for the withdrawal of troops, repatriation of more than 100,000 prisoners of war held by both sides, peace talks and determination of the aggressor in the war. Fighting began over a border dispute in September, 1980.

Nasser said his government has accepted a four-point plan proposed by Perez de Cuellar last October, which would serve as a "breakthrough" for the deadlocked negotiations.

The plan called for withdrawal of troops to internationally recognised borders and verification of their movement, formulation of freedom of navigation, repatriation of POWs and resolution of outstanding issues including the clearing of the Shatt Al Arab, the waterway between Iran and Iraq.

Iraq today warned Iran against meddling in its affairs and said that previous interference in its internal affairs had sparked the Gulf war. Iraq also attacked Parliament Speaker Hashemi Rafsanjani for criticising the relocation of Iraq's Kurdish population.

The official Iraqi News Agency warned Rafsanjani against making himself an advocate for Arabs or Kurds affected by the resettlement programme Iraq launched along its border with Iran and Turkey. "This is a warning signal to anybody who wants to interfere in our internal affairs... and a warning message to the Iranian people that this is an attempt to play with fire," INA said in a statement signed by its political commentator.

Soviet First Deputy Foreign Minister Alexander Bessmertnykh arrived yesterday on a previously unannounced visit, apparently seeking to calm Iraqi concerns at Moscow's military and economic agreements with Iran.

Soviet embassy officials said he met his Iraqi counterpart, Wissam Al Zahawi, and was scheduled to have talks with Tariq Aziz later.

## 72 apply to run in polls

NICOSIA, July 1, (AP): At least 72 Iranians had applied by today to run in Iran's presidential elections, the official Islamic Republic News Agency (IRNA) reported.

The only declared candidate so far is the powerful Parliament Speaker Hashemi Rafsanjani, 55, who is widely tipped to become Iran's fourth president.

IRNA, monitored in Nicosia, quoted the daily Abrar as saying Rafsanjani went to the Interior Ministry personally to register, but it did not say when.

## Coup leader offers sharia referendum

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domination of the mainly animist or Christian south by the Muslim Arabised north. Among its key demands are the abolition of sharia, which can prescribe punishments such as amputations and floggings.

Bashir has set up a revolutionary council to rule Africa's largest country, imposed a nationwide state of emergency and dissolved parliament and political parties.

Reuters correspondent Alfred Taben reported from the Sudanese capital Khartoum that nearly 1,000 people marched through the city today chanting support for the military leaders in the first sign of popular support for the coup.

They shouted slogans against Mahdi, believed to be under arrest along with cabinet ministers and commander-in-chief General Fathi Ahmed Ali.

Soldiers manned roadblocks in the capital today but curfew imposed yesterday was reduced by one hour to run between 6 pm and 5 am local time.

Telephone and telex links with the outside world, cut off after the coup, were now working erratically. The airport remained closed except for pilgrims on their way to the annual pilgrimage at Makkah.

A decree read on state radio today announced that Bashir, whose junta of brigadiers, colonels and majors seized power over the heads of senior commanders, was promoted to general.

In his broadcast speech, made before an audience of senior officials, Bashir said he and fellow officers had had difficulty getting people to join the new administration because of the country's wretched state.

"This country does not encourage anyone to enjoy power in it. This country is exhausted... it does not encourage anyone to have pleasure in ruling it," the 45-year-old officer said.

Egypt's Middle East News Agency reported from Khartoum that the junta was intending to appoint civilian ministers within a few days to run the country on a day-to-day basis.

Bashir would be prime minister and the military council he heads would deal with matters of "sovereignty and legislation," MENA said.

Bashir said the ruling council would devote special concern to the problems of the armed forces, who have complained of severe food and equipment shortages.

He said priority would be given to ensuring people's livelihood by guaranteeing basic commodities and controlling the market, combating smuggling and the black market, improving services and fighting corruption through special courts.

The civil war in south Sudan has devastated the economy and exacerbated a famine which killed 250,000 people in the south last year. The United Nations is mounting a drive to deliver 100,000 tons of food to the south, saying 100,000 could starve to death this year without aid.

The SPLA, which declared a ceasefire to help the aid effort, has made no comment on the coup so far.

Diplomats in Cairo said reports from Khartoum suggested the number detained could run into hundreds. They said they could not rule out summary trials of politicians on charges such as corruption or treason, which under the emergency declared yesterday carry the death penalty.

One diplomat warned that if Mahdi — a religious figure to some three million members of

the Ansar sect — were executed this could trigger a backlash from supporters.

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## Afghan plan gains ground

KABUL, July 1, (Reuters): Afghan President Najibullah and several mujahedeen groups fighting to overthrow the Kabul government have agreed to a proposal by Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat aimed at ending the decade-long war, an Arafat envoy said today.

Abu Khaled, the PLO's official in charge of Islamic affairs, told Reuters Pakistan Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto had also agreed to the proposal.

There had been an important shift in attitude among Pakistan and mujahedeen leaders who were now willing to seek a negotiated solution, Abu Khaled said in an interview at the Palestinian diplomatic mission in Kabul.

"If we didn't feel there was a big change, we wouldn't interfere in this problem now," he said.

But there was no immediate confirmation from the government in Islamabad or the mujahedeen leaders based in Peshawar, northern Pakistan.

Abu Khaled said Arafat had called for an immediate and unconditional ceasefire and for all parties involved in the conflict to begin negotiations.

"All groups of the mujahedeen have been talking to Najibullah. I am a witness," he said. "We told them the important thing now is to make the brave decision to talk to President Najibullah directly, not in secret."

Najibullah "accepted all these proposals from our side and warmly welcomed the proposals," said Abu Khaled, who met the Afghan leader in Kabul yesterday.

Soviet Ambassador to Kabul Yuri Vorontsov, in a meeting this morning, had also agreed with Arafat's initiative, he added.

Arafat discussed his peace plan with rebel leaders and Pakistani officials in Pakistan last month.

He had proposed that two representatives from the Kabul government, two from the Pakistani government and two from the mujahedeen sit down to talk with Arafat as mediator.

"Four of the seven (Pakistan-based mujahedeen groups) accepted the proposals... They agreed to the Palestinian proposals for a political settlement through peaceful means. Most of them are waiting for an answer from Kabul," said Abu Khaled.

The rebel leaders had told Arafat they wanted two more weeks to discuss the specifics among themselves, said the PLO envoy. He did not say they had made a firm immediate commitment to lay down their arms.

He said that following the final Soviet troops withdrawal from Afghanistan last February the conflict had become an internal one and the superpowers should stop arming the warring sides.

Pakistan and the United States arm the mujahedeen, while Najibullah's government receives military and economic support from the Soviet Union.

Abu Khaled said several mujahedeen leaders, who have openly rejected Najibullah's calls in the past for a ceasefire, negotiations and elections to bring about a broad-based government, had been talking to the Afghan President secretly.

Najibullah has agreed to release an American photojournalist captured three weeks ago with mujahedeen and jailed in Kabul, Abu Khaled said.

He said Najibullah had agreed to Arafat's request to free Tony O'Brien, arrested in Kabul on June 8.

"I talked with President Najibullah and asked him to release him and he accepted that," Khaled said, a day after meeting Najibullah.

## Sherdi, 55, dies

CAIRO, July 1, (Reuters): Mostapha Sherdi the editor of Egypt's opposition daily newspaper Al Wafd, has died in hospital after a heart attack, his office said today. He was 55.

A harsh critic of government policies and a Member of Parliament, Sherdi helped found the United Arab Emirates' first daily newspaper, Al-Itihad, in 1971.

He worked for several Egyptian newspapers and in the mid-'50s won acclaim for his reports and pictures of the 1956 British-French invasion of Egypt's Mediterranean city of Port Said.

### Iraq-Pakistan talks

ISLAMABAD, July 1, (KUNA): The sixth session of the Pakistan-Iraq joint ministerial commission began here today to discuss ways and means of promoting and strengthening relations between the two countries, Pakistani officials said.

Iraq was represented at the meeting by a 12-member delegation headed by Minister of Labour and Social Affairs Muneeb Madhat Mubarak while Minister of State for Finance Affairs Ehsanul Haque Piracha led the Pakistani delegation.

Speaking to reporters on arrival at the Islamabad airport, Mubarak said the delegation had been requested by President Saddam Hussain to follow-up talks between him and Pakistan Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto in Baghdad last May.

The ambassador who is also chairman of the board of trustees of Vienna-based Islamic Centre called in a speech at the opening of the

meeting, "solidarity among Muslims all over the world so as to confront the several challenges facing the Islamic religion."

He said that the formation of the society aims in the first place to improve the conditions of Muslims in countries of the Socialist bloc and to bolster their ties with other Muslims.

### 3 Kurds killed

MARDIN, Turkey, July 1, (AP): Three suspected Kurdish guerrillas were killed today in a clash with security forces in a Turkish province near the Syrian border, the semi-official Anatolia news agency reported.

The agency said the security forces were conducting a search in the mountainous area near Elmabache village when they met the guerrillas in hiding and called on them to surrender, but the rebels opened fire.

### Last testament

NICOSIA, July 1, (Reuters): The contents of Ayatollah Khomeini's last testament will be taught at Iran's teacher training colleges from the 1989-90 academic year, Tehran Radio said yesterday.

It quoted Education Minister Mohammad Ali Najafi as saying a committee was also preparing parts of the will, written in 1982 and revised in 1987, to be taught to high school students.

### Temperatures

NICOSIA, July 1, (AP): The highest temperatures in 19 years are scolding Tehran residents, with the mercury hovering around 41 degrees (106 Fahrenheit), the official Islamic Republic News Agency reported.

IRNA, monitored in Nicosia, said the heat yesterday combined with a high humidity had made the "discomfort index" hit 28.5 degrees.

### Bandits arrested

NICOSIA, July 1, (Reuters): Seven armed bandits have been captured in Iran's Kerman province, the Iranian news agency IRNA said today.

The agency said the bandits, armed with automatic rifles and hand grenades, confessed to narcotics trafficking in various southern cities, attacking Islamic Revolutionary Guards and killing four policemen.

IRNA quoted the Islamic revolution committee as saying that in another incident 20 armed bandits of the Shahnavan clan surrendered and handed over their arms.

### Saudi beheaded

RIYADH, July 1, (Reuters): A convicted murderer has been beheaded in Saudi Arabia, local newspapers reported today.

Saudi Saleh Al Seheimi was executed in public in the Makkah region after noon Muslim Friday prayers, one daily said.

A woman and at least 32 men have been beheaded in Saudi Arabia so far this year.

### Sahara peace plan

UNITED NATIONS, July 1, (AP): UN officials announced yesterday the creation of a new technical commission to implement a western Sahara peace plan and said it would meet in New York in July.

UN spokesman Francois Guiliani told reporters the first working meeting of the commission will take place with representatives of Morocco and the Polisario Front in the first part of July. The dates were not announced.

### ACC meeting

AMMAN, July 1, (KUNA): The next summit conference for the Arab Co-operation Council (ACC) will be held in Sanaa on Sept 25 to discuss draft plans prepared by the member states, ACC Secretary-General Dr Hilmy Nammar was quoted as saying today.

In press statements published here today, Nammar said the prime ministers of the four member states would meet in Sanaa during the last week of August.

### Arab boycott

DAMASCUS, July 1, (Reuters): Arab officials organising the economic boycott of Israel opened a meeting in the Syrian capital today to discuss action over 70 international companies said linked to the Jewish state.

### Cyprus President

NICOSIA, July 1, (AP): President George Vassiliou will meet British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher in London on July 10, the official Cyprus news agency reported today.

### Relief supplies

NAIROBI, July 1, (Reuters): Sudan's military coup has halted some but not all emergency relief moving into the country's war-torn south, UN officials said in Nairobi today.

## Airport renamed after Airbus victims

NICOSIA, July 1, (Agencies): The airport in the southern Iranian city of Bandar Abbas will be renamed to honour the passengers on a civilian airliner shot down by the United States Navy a year ago, the official Islamic Republic News Agency (IRNA) reported today.

All 290 people aboard an Iran Air Airbus flying from Bandar Abbas to Dubai across the Gulf were killed on July 3, 1988 when the plane was mistakenly shot down by the warship USS Vincennes.

The Navy said the plane's radar profile was mistaken for that of an attacking jetfighter. The downing came during the eight-year Iran-Iraq war when the United States and other Western nations deployed dozens of warships in the Gulf to protect neutral shipping.

The US State Department has put US diplomatic posts on a worldwide alert as a hedge against possible retaliation on the anniversary of the downing of the Airbus, an official said in Washington.

## Israel reaffirms deportation policy

PLO contacts rejected

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, July 1, (Agencies): Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir reaffirmed yesterday as Israel's recourse of last resort while the Foreign Ministry told its personnel to reject any reports on US-PLO contacts.

The parallel moves came yesterday as Shamir neared a July 5 showdown in his right-wing Likud Party regarding his peace initiative.

"Deportation is the severest penalty we have and it is the severest we have until today as we don't use the most important, the biggest, the most permanent punishment — the death penalty," Shamir said in an interview on Israel television.

"In light of violence that injures us in the severest way we don't have a choice but to use this punishment," he said.

Shamir said he hoped the United States would not threaten to join in a United Nations Security Council condemnation of Israel's deportation of eight Palestinians on Thursday.

The Foreign Ministry issued a directive to its personnel yesterday to refuse any reports from statesmen or diplomats regarding contacts with the PLO, Israel television said.

Foreign Minister Moshe Arens told US Ambassador William Brown that he was not interested in reports on contacts between the United States and the PLO.

According to the Foreign Ministry, Israel television said, such reports could sabotage the furtherance of the government peace initiative by creating the impression of indirect negotiations between Israel and the PLO.

Israel protested to the United States yesterday regarding meetings between UN Ambassador to Tunisia Robert Pelletreau and PLO leader Yasser Arafat's second-in-command Salah Khalaf, known as Abu Iyad. Israel regarded the meetings as an upgrading of contacts.

In Washington the Bush administration defended its expansion of talks with the PLO as part of a US campaign for elections on the West Bank and Gaza.

The headline confirmation of Israel's use of deportation as well as renewed emphasis that Israel will not negotiate, even indirectly, with the PLO came at a time when Shamir's peace plan is facing stiff opposition in his own party.

Hardliners in the right-wing Likud Party are claiming the initiative does not sufficiently provide for Israel's security.

"It will bring more violence, it will bring maybe war," said Likud Industry and Trade Minister Ariel Sharon.

Over 1,000 Israelis participated in more Army-escorted clashes throughout the strip and



Shamir determined

West Bank yesterday Arab hospitalisation said.

A Palestinian was stabbed and severely wounded by masked youths in the West Bank town of Kalkiya, Israel radio said. Arab residents said the man was regarded as a collaborator.

Palestinian prisoners rioted in Megiddo prison in northern Israel and eight were injured when guards dispersed the riot with tear-gas, the radio said.

The PLO today welcomed the new position in Middle East peace adopted by European Economic Community leaders in Madrid last Tuesday.

"The PLO welcomes and appreciates the statement issued by the EEC summit on the Middle East, which contained clear principles for a just settlement in the region," a Palestine Liberation Organisation spokesman said in a statement.

The UN Security Council will meet on Monday at the request of the Arab states to deal with Israel's deportation of eight Palestinians to southern Lebanon, a UN spokesman announced late yesterday.

The US government said that Israel's deportation of Palestinians from the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip was "unacceptable."

Israel is reducing the number of Palestinians allowed to cross daily from Jordan to the occupied West Bank to 2,500, a 38 percent reduction in the quota from previous summers, a newspaper reported today in Amman.

## Libya denies money claim

WASHINGTON, July 1, (AP): The White House said yesterday that it can't substantiate a claim that a \$600-million loan by Western banks to East Germany wound up in Libya, with part of the money purportedly being used by terrorists.

Also, Libya denied the claim by a former staffer for the National Security Council who said 10 per cent of the money, \$60 million, was "diverted among the Red Brigades in Germany, the provisional Irish Republican Army in Northern Ireland and the M-19 guerrilla force in Colombia."

The claim was made Thursday by Norman Bailey, senior director of National Security Planning from 1981 to 1983.

White House spokesman Roman Popadink said yesterday the Bush administration "has no information to substantiate such an allegation."

The official Libyan news agency JANA denied Bailey's contention, saying: "Such claims are the latest inventions of the machine of misinformation and lies."

"One cannot but... receive such claims with ridicule and laugh at them and at the people who fabricated them."

The loan was arranged by the First National Bank of Chicago along with the International Bank of Japan, according to Tom Lindeman, a spokesman for the Chicago bank. He added that about 50 banks of several nationalities took part and the agent was the Arab Banking Corp. of Bahrain.

Such loans have been criticized by some prominent Americans, including former defence secretary Casper Weinberger.

Alan Delo, the Chicago bank's senior vice-president in charge of international banking, said in a telephone interview that he would be very surprised if the money went to Libya.

"It would be very foolish on the part of the East Germans," he added.

Bailey appeared on a television programme taped for the public broadcasting system called "Follow the Money."

"We can identify a money trail... which eventually ended up in the death of American Marines in a discotheque in Berlin and the death of Libyans through American bombing of Libya," he said. "There is no question about it, we can trace that."

The United States bombed Libya in 1986 in retaliation for an April 5, 1986, terrorist attack on a Berlin discotheque that killed a US serviceman and a Turkish woman and wounded 204 other people.

## Iran accused of seeking to disrupt haj

RIYADH, July 1, (Agencies): A Saudi Arabian newspaper accused Iran today of seeking to stir up unrest at this month's annual Muslim pilgrimage to Makkah.

"What is important for them is to transform the haj (pilgrimage) to an occasion to incite strife," the Dammam-based Al Yom daily said in an editorial.

The Jeddah-based Al Bilad daily also hit out at Iran, saying an Iranian media campaign against Saudi Arabia was misleading and would harm relations between the two

neighbours.

Riyadh warned on Thursday it would retaliate in kind if Iran continued what it called hostile propaganda against the kingdom. Saudi Arabia's King Fahd called in October for an end to the war of words between the two countries.

More than 400 people, mostly Iranian pilgrims, were killed in clashes with Saudi security forces during the haj in July 1987, the last year Iran sent pilgrims to the holy city of Makkah.

Saudi Arabia has taken strict security measures this year to prevent any demonstration by pro-Iranian pilgrims.

More than 400,000 people have arrived so far in the kingdom for the haj, which officials expect some 1.4 million people to perform this year.

Iraq is sending 18,000 Muslim pilgrims to Islam's holy shrines of Makkah and Medina during this year's annual pilgrimage, adhering to a quota system fixed by Saudi Arabia, the Iraqi television network reported.



## KUWAIT ... GULF

# Agricultural authority uses suitable advanced techniques

## Experiments conducted on 200 varieties of wheat

A LOCAL daily visited the Abdali agricultural area to survey the experiment on wheat agriculture and to highlight services offered by the agricultural authority to farmers.

Engineer Abdul Latif Saad, the head of the Agricultural Experiments Division in Abdali said that the station conducts experiments on all kinds of vegetables, fruit trees and wheat agriculture.

He added that the Abdali station conducts experiments on the agricul-

ture of onions, tomato, egg-plant, okra, and cabbage.

Experiments conducted on field agriculture include wheat, fodder and barley. He pointed out that experiments on fodder agriculture are conducted for the first time in Kuwait and that it is widely used for feeding animals and to extract sugar.

He explained that some types of agriculture may require as long as three years before indicating final results. After reaching positive results,

the authority will then publish an explanatory publication for farmers on methods used in the agriculture of a specific type. Experiments conducted usually measure results according to the size of produce, resistance to saltiness and adaptation to the soil in Abdali area. Abdul Latif added that the soil nature in Abdali for instance may differ from that of the soil in Wafra, or Omariya.

The experiments division co-operates with agricultural organisa-

tions in the world through the agricultural authority to incorporate advanced methods in conducting experiments and to choose techniques best suited to the country, the official said.

He added that several experiments were conducted on wheat agriculture on different types of wheat. Different experiments were conducted on applying fertilisers to wheat agriculture since three years which proved a great success. Other experiments which

provided positive results were conducted on the agriculture of barley.

He stated that the Abdali division owns diversified equipment for irrigation and that it is now conducting experiments on these equipment in co-operation with a number of local agricultural companies.

On the other hand, Dr Mahdi Al Abdal, a researcher at Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research (KISR) said that the success of wheat agriculture in Kuwait is possible if we looked

at the environmental conditions of heat, soil, and irrigation.

He added that there is a great need to conduct field studies for 3 to 5 years until information can be obtained on modern equipment used in wheat harvesting, trained manpower and development in the field.

Due to the success achieved by Saudi Arabia in wheat agriculture, (KISR) conducted experiments on nearly 200 types of international wheat in its station in Kabsa area.

Most experiments were conducted over a short period of time and proved that the Egyptian type of wheat is most suitable for the Kuwaiti environment due to the short growth period, in addition to their resistance against plant blights.

Abdal stressed that the area allocated for the agriculture of wheat represents an important element for produce quantities. He said that one of the obstacles facing the agriculture of wheat in Kuwait is water.



The old museum in Dasman.

Undisciplined development of private properties compounds problems

## Traditional Kuwaiti buildings being preserved

By Jamal Ameen

THE head of the Architectural Design Section at Kuwait Municipality, Engineer Ridha Al Matrook was interviewed by Al Seyassah/Arab Times on the study conducted by the municipality in the field of preserving traditional and historical buildings and locations in Kuwait.

Matrook said that removal of old buildings in the city is now being carried out faster than ever, without paying minimum attention to the Monuments and Antiquities Law which was issued in 1960. He pointed out that the law calls for classifying, documenting, restoring and preserving historical buildings which still survive.

The municipality has become fully aware of the danger facing Kuwaiti architectural heritage represented by the removal operations being carried out on these historical buildings. Therefore, Kuwait Municipality prepared a study to preserve the existence of these buildings and to spread general awareness for their upkeep.

The study was also aimed at urging officials towards preserving these locations, Matrook added. Kuwait Municipality has completed the first part of the study in a comprehensive survey on historical buildings located in Kuwait City, excluding souk, Dasman Palace and Amiri Diwan areas. The part of the study explains the present condition of the 122 historical buildings which have been already recorded.

### Warning

Matrook stated that 11 of these buildings have been totally destroyed because they were included within organising plans made before the beginning of this study. He added that these buildings, excluding 12 buildings of public properties were either affected or may be affected by the new plans put for the re-planning

and re-organising Kuwait City. He pointed out that undisciplined development of private properties have compounded the problem.

He said that the municipality has warned of methods applied in dealing with historical buildings in the first part of the study published in 1986, he expressed concern at the possibility that all of the historical buildings excluding the 12 mentioned buildings will be removed during this decade if no strict steps are taken in this regard.

Matrook further said that the municipality has started to issue authority in this regard. The Municipal Affairs Committee has issued an official decision aiming at preserving these historical buildings in Feb. 1988. The decision demanded co-operation of all concerned ministries and has re-adapted the Monuments and Antiquities Law of 1960.

Recommendations Regarding what has been completed and recorded in the first part of the study, Matrook said that it includes a comprehensive study on conditions of historical buildings in Kuwait City which included 122 buildings of different ages.

The first part also provides a full registration, and indication of the identity and ownership of each building. It included recommendations for organising the status each of building in relation to how it will be affected by city future development plans. He pointed out that methods on who should preserve these buildings are given in detail.

Regarding future plans, Matrook stated that the municipality will conduct a structural survey and documentation of all buildings.

Technical work teams supported with archaeological expertise will be formed to study the condition of historical buildings in Kuwait and preserving methods. He pointed out that this step is now being put under implement-

ation. He added that several suggestions have come through from a study on the probability on using these buildings. These ideas may be briefed through several points, represented in keeping and using some of the buildings for diwanis, mosques, government departments and public charity societies.

### Plans

The suggested plans for renovation and restoring of historical buildings depends on the quality and methods applied in restoring each of the buildings in addition to their ages.

Matrook pointed out that Al Saeed Mosque in Qibla is considered one of the oldest historical buildings in Kuwait. Other buildings include Al Mura and Al Khalifa Mosques in

Sharq. The study has explained that buildings located inside the old Kuwait Soor (Wall) are older. Most of the historical buildings are located usually in Sharq, Qibla and Murgab areas. Kuwait Municipality will conduct a comprehensive survey on historical buildings during the next two years. The next stage of the study will include other areas outside Kuwait City. A work team has already started a survey of old buildings in Failaka and is now preparing plans and documentary pictures. Another team which was appointed for the same job, has generally presented a survey on other old buildings in Jahra, Salmiya, Abu Halifa, Mangaf and Fahaeel.

Matrook pointed out that the study on historical buildings started in early 1986.



Al Saeed Mosque in Qibla.

## Subscribers urged to make use of yellow pages

THE director of the Operation and Circulation Department at the Ministry of Communications Khaled Ashoor Al Sultan has urged citizens and residents to frequently use 'yellow pages' in order to reduce pressure on 101-operators.

He said that the ministry is planning to set up new information centres to meet the astronomical demand for 101-information in various locations in Kuwait, besides the main centre in Kuwait City. The centres are to be set up during the new fiscal year.

Speaking to a local daily, he said that the ministry's new edition of the 'yellow pages' is particularly easy to read, with special page colour to separate the subscriber telephone numbers for each governorate. The book is available both in English and in Arabic.

He said that the department is in charge of overseas telephone calls operation, telegraphs, internal telegram services and 101-information centre.

He added that the department is also responsible for easy operation of telecommunication message, both incoming and outgoing, and for biofax subscriber services.

Meanwhile, the daily interviewed a number of staff operating the 101-information service. They unanimously said that they worked under heavy pressure and were getting little co-operation from subscribers.

Fatima Al Rasheedi said that the centre received a total of 40,000 telephone calls daily which include nuisance calls from children and adults, but thanks to constant vigilant checks such callers were often brought to legal accountability.

Another operator requested a special allowance for all those whose line of duty required them to operate a monitor to which they had the eyes glued for long hours, to follow the example of staff with similar job requirements at the Public Authority for Civil Information and others.

Letifa Naser Al Rushaid and Hind Ahmad Al Siyafi agreed that some callers insisted on getting the secret dial numbers of some subscribers, and that they felt obliged under recurrent insistence to turn their request to the relevant authorities at the Ministry of Interior.

## Arts council encourages Arab writers

KUWAIT, July 1. (KUNA): Secretary General of the National Council for Culture, Arts and Letters Dr Farouk Al Omar said that the council welcomes and encourages all those with the potential to write, regardless of their cultural inclinations.

In an interview with KUNA, Omar affirmed that Kuwait is keen to keep close cultural links with the Arab world, particularly the GCC member states.

He noted that Kuwait has also contributed through meetings of culture and information ministers of the Organisation of Islamic Conference (IOC) to strengthen the cultural movement in Islamic countries.

## Ports may not regain supremacy: Naqeeb

### Transit trade diverted

ACTING Director of Planning and Research at the Public Ports Authority, Basel Al Naqeeb ruled out the possibility that Kuwait will regain its position as the main commercial centre in sea transportation.

He attributed this to the fact that many ports have come up in the region and they are well equipped to provide better facilities in dealing with ships. Naqeeb admitted that the Iraq-Iran war has greatly affected the business of Kuwaiti ports.

But he said that the next five-year development plan includes the setting up of an advanced commercial centre in Kuwait, capable of attracting merchants from all over the world. He said that the total allocations to the projects of the ports authority during the current five-year plan amounts to KD 47 million and among the main projects is the construction of a huge 30,000 square metre administrative complex for Shuaibah Port. The cost of the project is KD 9 million and is expected to be completed in May next year.

Advanced Among the main projects in the current plan, is the establishment of a building for marine operations to be supplied with an advanced operation room that will govern the movement of ships and will be linked with control towers in some other ports in the country. A fully equipped health centre will also be constructed to offer medical services to sailors and others at Shuaibah Port. Naqeeb said that among

projects tabled for the next fiscal year is the re-organisation of a major store at Shuaibah Port to store dangerous materials that need special handling. He added that the marine operations building will be completed in November this year and will include six towers each of 55 metres high to control ship movements at the port.

Naqeeb said that a free trade zone is planned during the second five-year plan 90/91-94/95. The total financial allocations for port projects during the period of the plan is KD 15 million. He said that the free trade zone will be established in response to the government's intention to promote free trading. A number of important projects, will also be carried out at Shuaibah port, the official added.

Naqeeb said that the performance of the Public Ports Authority has picked up recently. He added that imports through Kuwaiti ports increased to 5.6 million tons last year, compared to 4.7 million in the previous year, an increase of 21 per cent. He added that exports also went up by 15 per cent in 1988 compared to 1987. The total exports in 1988 were 1.6 million tons compared to 1.4 million in 1987. Also, the number of arriving containers increased from 200,000 in 1987 to 220,000 in 1988, an increase of 10 per cent. He said that accordingly, authority revenues shot up to KD 25.4 million in 1988 compared to KD 21.5 million in

1987, recording an 18 per cent increase. A big portion of the revenues was diverted to development projects, Naqeeb said.

### Diversification

Speaking of the influence of Iraq-Iran war, Naqeeb said that a major portion of the transit trade that used to pass through Kuwaiti ports to both Iraq and Iran before the war, have now been diverted to other ports in the region. He said that most of the Iraqi goods now come through the Jordanian port of Aqaba, from where a huge fleet of trucks carries the goods to Iraq. At the same time, Iran has been using, almost exclusively, the Dubai port for its imports. Naqeeb added that other ports in the region have greatly developed during the war and a number of agreements were also held, increasing their role in sea transportation. For that it is difficult to restore Kuwait's position that existed before the war, particularly in transit trading.

He denied that the reason for this was an increase of charges at Kuwaiti ports or lack of modern equipment and other facilities. He stressed that the restoration of goods flow to Kuwaiti ports is no more linked to development of its services, as 'all modern equipment and facilities are available at Kuwaiti ports'. He added that the authority makes contacts with international specialised marine organisations to obtain experts and consultants to contribute to modernisation at the country's ports.

## Expatriates are vital to Bahrain

FOR several decades now expatriates have played a vital role in the economic development of Bahrain. Since the early days when oil wealth was discovered in the early thirties, the contribution of the expatriate workforce to the national economy of this island nation and the overall building of the country has been invaluable and which has now become synonymous with the success story of this state. Unlike the other Gulf states, Bahrain's natural resources and wealth are limited therefore the contribution of the expatriates over the years to the host nation's modernisation and economic growth is even more remarkable and praiseworthy.

Bahrain's expatriates are well known for their hardwork, skills and talent. They are a determined and resourceful lot, not afraid to confront challenges against heavy odds. History has proved that expatriates are versatile and work extremely hard if given the opportunity to succeed. The early 'pioneers' had made their mark and set a glorious example for others to follow in the noble and ambitious task of nation building.

### Development

The contribution of the Indian community, in particular, in the development of commerce and infra-structure of Bahrain is unique. Because of the close historical, economic and cultural ties between Bahrain and India, Indians were among the early expatriates to arrive in the island in the modern era. A small number of those early settlers, most of them young men in their early twenties, came towards the latter half the nineteenth century and in the beginning of this century with little or no money but plenty of ambition and drive. A fair number of them young and educated pioneers set up their own business within a few years of arriving at these shores.

Today some of the well known Indian business establishments in Bahrain date back to 50-100 years. Most of these concerns, which had humble beginnings, are now reputable and lucrative giants in their fields ranging from retail business, food and construction. Ashrafs and Jashanmalls are synonymous with giant retail store chains, while Malabar, Chuntal Purushottam and Damodhar Davidas are well known food wholesalers and retailers over several decades. The Bhaktas, who are engaged in building material business, have been around the island for nearly 150 years and are among the first Indian entrepreneurs in Bahrain.

### Services

In recognition of their long and outstanding services to Bahrain, most of the early Indian expatriate businessmen and some members of their families have been granted citizenship of Bahrain. Today these expatriate businesses not only thrive but have expanded tremendously under the watchful eyes of the sons of the old pioneers. The first, second and in some cases third generations of the 'family business' are running the present operations. Most of the new generations were born, brought up and educated in Bahrain and for whom the island is home.

In recent years expatriate commercial activities have increased. According to statistics released by the Directorate of Company Affairs by the end of 1988 a total of 1,400 joint-ventures/partnerships/general, 600 branches of foreign companies and 300 non-Bahraini companies are registered at present. In line with existing commercial laws nationals own 51 per cent of any business venture, while the expatriates are entitled to 49 per cent of ownership of a company or business.

## AMF moves to Arabise economic vocabulary

THE Arab Standing Scientific Committee for Arabising economic and financial terms held its first meeting yesterday in Abu Dhabi recently according to the Chairman and Director-General of Abu Dhabi based Arab Monetary Fund (AMF) Dr Abdullah Al Kuwaz.

Kuwaz said that the Fund is keen to form a committee to undertake the Arabisation process of economic and financial terms in addition to unifying the Arab synonyms for English and French vocabularies which are currently in use by the International Economic Organisation.

### Terms

The committee will issue a publication which will constitute linguistic references for Arab economists, clarifying that the said reference will be updated from time to time in order to contain the new economic and financial synonyms and terms.

The committee in principle will address its intellectual output to government institutions, universities, research institutes, banks and training centres affiliated to international and regional organisations.

Kuwaz confirmed that the committee is grouping together prominent magistrates from the member states of the Arab Monetary Fund and some other international organisations.

Dr Saeed Al Najjar, who presided at the meeting said that the committee in its first meeting had discussed the relevant technical and administrative arrangements of the project.

Najjar who is also an executive director at the World Bank, was quoted as saying that the meeting had discussed the sources of economic and financial terms including the Arabisation, International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the pertinent international institutions, adding to committee will hold its meeting bi-annually at the premises of the Arab Monetary Fund in Abu Dhabi.

The Fund will provide necessary financial resources to the committee to enable it to carry out its tasks properly.

## Arab world suffers shortage in animal production

TUNIS, July 1. (GNA): An economic study released here has said that despite the huge animal resources available in the Arab world, there is still a great shortage in animal production which is attributable to environmental and genetic factors.

The study, prepared by the Arab Organisation for Agricultural Development, says that the Arab world possesses a total of 38.9 million cowheads, 57 per cent located in Sudan, 13 per cent in Somalia, 6 per cent in Morocco, 4 per cent in Egypt and 5 per cent in Iraq.

The study maintains that the Sudan also comes first in possessing the biggest number of sheep heads accounting for 18 per cent, 12 per cent in Morocco, 10 per cent in Somalia, 10 per cent in Syria and 8 per cent in Iraq.

The total number of goats in the Arab world is 60.2 million heads, 31 per cent in Somalia, 40 per cent in Sudan, 8 per cent in Morocco, 6 per cent in Saudi Arabia, 5 per cent in Algeria and 4 per cent in Iraq.

Total number of camel heads available in the Arab world is 11.2 million, 55 per cent in Somalia, 25 per cent in Sudan and the remainder spread over other Arab countries in varying percentages.

As to fish industries, the study points out that the total tonnage of fish products in the Arab world is 1.8 million, 26 per cent of which is accounted for by Morocco, 33 per cent in Mauritania, 12 per cent in Egypt, 6 per cent in Oman and 31 per cent in the other Arab countries.

The study reveals that all Arab countries suffer from an inability to meet the annual

demand for fodder, estimated at 12.5 million tons, stressing that this demand could otherwise be secured through the utilisation of industrial and agricultural waste of ten Arab countries.

The study says that the estimated annual demand for fodder is 81 million tons, and that the recycling of agro-industrial wastes in certain Arab countries could secure 25 per cent of the total animal food requirements.

However, certain waste material contains low nutritious value due to poor protein components, and that therefore it is essential as a preliminary step to establish the economic feasibility and nutritious potential of the agro-industrial matter before nutritional recycling could prove feasible, the study maintains.

The study stresses the need for a series of specialised studies aimed at identifying the types of nutritional wastes that could be utilised as fodder for animals.

The study also stresses the need to optimise the use of offal and other waste matter discarded by slaughterhouses in the food security project for animals, and the possible treatments with needed proteins, minerals, chemicals and other ingredients to ensure healthy nutritious value for animals feeding on these products.

The study also calls for maximising co-ordination between fishing and fish producing companies in the field of manufacturing fish powder as a product of high nutritious value that can be instrumental in promoting animal production business.



## NEWS IN BRIEF

## Amiri cables

KUWAIT, July 1, (KUNA): His Highness the Amir sent a cable of congratulations to Canada's governor-general on the occasion of that country's national day.

HH also sent a similar cable to the President of Burundi on the occasion of his country's national day.

## Premier's audience

KUWAIT, July 1, (KUNA): His Highness the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Salem Al Sabah received at Bayan Palace today the crew members of a Kuwaiti Coast Guard boat who were held in Iran.

Present at the audience was the Director of Coast Guards at the Ministry of Interior Colonel Ghazi Abdul Rahman Al Omar.

## French message

KUWAIT, July 1, (KUNA): French Ambassador to Kuwait Jean Bellivier today conveyed to a Kuwaiti official a message from French Foreign Minister Roland Dumas addressed to Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed Al Jaber.

The message was delivered during a meeting between the ambassador and Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Saoud Mohammed Al Osaibi.

An authorised source in the Foreign Ministry told KUNA that the message concerns bilateral relations and the developments in the region.

## Islamic society

KUWAIT, July 1, (KUNA): Adviser to the Amir Diwan Abdul Aziz Hussein today received Director-General of Jerusalem's Islamic Masjid Society, Mahmoud Yousif Al Habiba.

During the meeting they reviewed the society's activities especially treating the sick and the victims of the Palestinian uprising.

They also discussed pressures the Israeli authorities are putting on the society and other Palestinian establishments.

## Allowance demand

KUWAITI National Petroleum Company (KNPC) labourers union had called upon the management to increase the allowances, danger allowance and night shift allowance of labourers.

The secretary of the union, Bandar Al Khairan said that the union had recently received a letter from KNPC refusing these demands. He added that the reply of the KNPC did not provide any reasonable justifications.

Talks in this respect are continuing, the official said.

## Pilgrim season

The Director of Saudi Ministry of Commerce's branch in Makkah, Fuad Zaini was quoted as saying that all the foodstuff and supply materials are readily available in Makkah and other holy shrines during the pilgrimage season.

In an interview with Saudi news agency, the official said that the ministry's branch in Makkah had completed the necessary arrangements for meeting requirements of the pilgrimage season this year.

He added that arrangements for the supply of foodstuff to pilgrims and citizens at the holy shrines have been well organised.

He disclosed that several committees were being formed for controlling consumer goods prices during this season in addition to the committees formed for controlling hotels and their adherence to the announced prices, cleanliness and maintenance.

Zaini added that a committee for controlling of the gold prices had also been formed to avoid any manipulation in prices and quality.

## Mosque expansion

The proposed expansion of the holy shrine in Makkah will increase the area of the holy mosque from the western end to accommodate 140,000 prayers over an added area of 76,000 square metres.

The expansion will involve the provision of a main entrance and 14 other regular accesses besides the existing 27, and that two new minarets would be built at 89 metres each with identical design, in addition to the existing seven minarets.

The project will also include the provision of escalators, each capable of serving 15,000 pilgrims per hour, which will be operated during peak hours, with special emphasis being placed on the elderly.

The project will be provided with all needed facilities and utilities, including two power substations, each containing four transformers with 1 mega volt capacity each, providing 100 per cent of the needed power.

Upon completion of the project, the expanded holy mosque will be able to accommodate a total of 605,000 worshippers.

## Romania welcomes Kuwaiti investors

## Investment agreement may be signed

PETER D'SOUZA of Arab Times met Ion Mielcioiu, the director of Middle East Department at the Romanian Foreign Ministry in Bucharest last week. This is his report.

"ROMANIA is anxious to develop better relations with Kuwait at all levels including economic and cultural," said Ion Mielcioiu, the director of Middle East Department at the Romanian Foreign Ministry in Bucharest.

"At present our economic relations are good. We have an economic agreement with Kuwait signed in 1974, and a cultural agreement signed in 1976. After every three years new programmes under the cultural agreement are prepared and implemented," Mielcioiu said.

Kuwait and Romania have close co-operation at the United Nations and other international organisations. Romania accepts a number of Kuwaiti students at its universities and most foreign students at Romanian universities are Arabs, Mielcioiu said.

Kuwait and Romania exchange visits at all levels.

"There is a standing invitation to HH the Amir to visit Romania,"



Peter D'Souza (left) and Ion Mielcioiu.

Mielcioiu said.

"We welcome Kuwaiti investors in Romania, and an agreement for the protection of investments in both countries may be signed at the end of this year," Mielcioiu said. Though there is no risk for investments in Romania, the agreement will serve as a guarantee.

Mielcioiu said Romania always supported the Arab nations particularly the just cause of the Palestinian people and demanded the withdrawal of Israeli forces from the lands occupied in 1967. Romania also supports an independent Palestinian state and seeks co-operation and good neighbourly relations among all states in the Middle East.

Romania's President Nicolae Ceausescu was the first world leader to propose in 1978 an international peace conference to solve the Middle East conflict and Romania still supports the conference under the supervision of the United Nations and with the participation of Palestine, Israel and five permanent members of the Security Council. The PLO is the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people, Mielcioiu said.

Romania was the first country to open an office for the PLO in Bucharest and it was given all the facilities enjoyed by other diplomatic missions, he said.

Romania recognised the Palestinian state on Nov 16,

1988, just one day after Palestine was proclaimed a state. In January this year Romania raised the status of the PLO office to an embassy. PLO chairman and President of Palestine, Yasser Arafat visited Romania several times and each time he was cordially welcomed, Mielcioiu said.

Mielcioiu pointed out that Romania has relations with Israel for the last forty years and it was not severed even after the 1967 war. This has enabled Romania to convey its opinion to all the parties in the Middle East conflict, he said.

Romania does not co-ordinate with Israel's communist party. "Whatever we want to say we say directly to the Israeli officials," Mielcioiu said. Romania strongly protested the annexation of Golan Heights and its invasion of Lebanon, supports the Palestinian intifada and deplores Israeli repressive measures against the Palestinian civilians. Romania asked Israel to adopt a logical and flexible attitude, and to accept negotiations with PLO. Romania's relations with Israel cannot be compared to the excellent relations with the Arab world," Mielcioiu concluded.

## Juvenile delinquents under rehabilitation

## Shortage of qualified sociologists

THE issue of juvenile delinquency is being accorded paramount importance in Kuwait and no effort is being spared to address the causes and to determine optimum methods for rehabilitating these delinquents with a view to bring about a change in their character and make them interact with society in a manner that will honourably reflect the time-honoured Kuwaiti traditions, a senior official said.

The Juveniles Welfare Department at the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour offers services to three categories of juveniles, the first is to illegitimate children brought to the house from the maternity hospital and the Ministry of Interior. The second is for children brought by families due to disputes between parents and the third is for those referred by the prosecution or court of juvenile delinquents, Mohammed Al Rizouki, Director of the Juveniles Welfare Department, at the ministry said.

Groups He added that each category is divided into groups according to their ages and supervised by a number of sociologists and babysitters who work round the clock. He added that juveniles live in the welfare houses until the boys transfer to the guesthouses or till girls get married.

Rizouki pointed out that welfare houses offer various psychological and social care through qualified psychiatrists and sociologists. Newcomers to

the welfare houses are gradually integrated with suitable families according to their ages and the form of delinquency. The basis of integration is undertaken after conducting personality tests, the official said.

Additional personal interviews are also conducted to determine their tendencies and abilities. The inmates of the welfare houses are usually sent to normal schools or private or professional institutes. The welfare houses have workshops of carpentry, decoration, electricity, typing and tailoring for training inmates. They also practice different sporting activities and get food, clothes and pocket money. Rizouki said.

He pointed out that there are 36 juveniles in the welfare houses classified as might be delinquents (22 males and 14 females), and 12 juveniles under custody while there are 369 delinquents including seven girls referred by court or prosecution of juvenile delinquents according to statistics issued last March. There are 253 Kuwaitis among these delinquents. He added that most of these cases came from Hawalli Governorate (134 delinquents) followed by Jahra Governorate (99 delinquents). Most of the delinquents at the welfare houses are between 17-18 years old. Theft, assault and moral crimes are common among these delinquents, he said.

Meanwhile, the supervisor of social welfare houses for boys Ahmad Al Ameri has said that

every juvenile is subjected to a social investigation and study made by the sociologist as soon as he or she is admitted to the house. The investigation or study aims at knowing family reasons for determining his or her delinquency to evaluate and solve these problems. The sociologist then teaches him or her how to react and be familiar with his fellows in the house.

## Programmes

Ameri pointed out that social welfare houses suffer from shortage in qualified sociologists and supervisors who can relate with inmates of the houses. He added that parents of the inmates also do not co-operate with the houses to carry out programmes and activities of these houses.

The juveniles need to live among their families and in their own homes from time to time which is mostly on Thursday and Friday. We ask their parents to take their children to their house. We expect that they control their behaviour while they are outside the welfare houses.

But what usually happens is that delinquents live in isolated rooms away from the control of their parents. This lack of strict parental supervision of juveniles is an opportunity for most teenagers to engage in non-conforming behaviour and is one of the stumbling blocks encountered by the house in bringing about a positive character and personality change in these delinquents, the official said.

## Gulf capital return likely

A RECENT study conducted by a Gulf organisation has said that there is a possibility now that foreign assets of the Gulf banks estimated at over \$45 billion could be returned to the Gulf and invested in industrial projects — provided enough legal guarantees are forthcoming.

The study added that after the application of the GCC unified economic agreement, Gulf markets can be considered to be one market. Industrial products, free of customs duty and supported by custom protection on the imports of identical foreign products, can now be freely exchanged between the Gulf markets — thus contributing to ensuring that industrial projects are feasible and profitable at the same time.

## Atmosphere

The study called for giving priority to industries that depend upon developing and exploiting natural resources and those aimed at exports — particularly Arab and Islamic markets. Added to this viable scenario, the study said that overheads of Gulf industrial projects will be reduced due to the drop in the costs of construction and operations.

## No more black-outs: Rqobah

By Lima Al Khalafawi  
Arab Times staff

THE Minister of Electricity and Water, Dr Homoud Al Rqobah stressed on the high technical level of power stations and networks in Kuwait.

Speaking at a press conference yesterday, the minister said that black-outs in future are ruled out, but it is humanly impossible to guarantee minor disruptions. He added that any occurrence of disruptions will not adversely affect Kuwait.

## Reports

Two committees from Kuwait and abroad were formed to investigate the reasons for the first black-out which hit Kuwait last year on Dec 13 and the other disruption this year on April 13, the official said.

He added that the results of these investigations attributed

the two incidents to technical and administrative factors. The experts committee working on the reports had confirmed the high technical level of Kuwait's power stations and networks.

The official said that recommendations submitted by the committee will implement better co-operation between the control rooms and other stations. The recommendations will positively contribute towards introducing a sophisticated computerised system to avoid any malfunction between the control towers and other stations.

The minister denied any major losses during the black-out on Dec 13 and added that new changes are being instituted among senior technical personnel.

Various teams from the ministry will pay regular visits to France, West Germany, Hun-



Homoud Al Rqobah

gary and Sweden to obtain technical knowhow about the latest developments in the field of electricity, the minister said.



## Farewell to Oblena

The Association of Filipinos in Kuwait, Kapilku, recently hosted a reception to say goodbye to Ambassador-designate Fortunato Oblena, who leaves this week for the UAE to take up his new post. Oblena, who was the Counsellor at the Philippines embassy in Kuwait since February 1985, was a popular personality among the Filipino community. He was considered by most Filipinos as a "father figure" who extended a helping hand whenever

needed and would be missed by them.

Kapilku President Manny Inserto presented a gift on behalf of his association to Oblena. (L-R) Kapilku officers Lulu Alejo, Manny Inserto, Sarah Marcarimbang and Rosale Austria with Oblena (third right)

Charge d'Affaires Olivia Palala also presented a memento to Oblena.

## Private sector invited to invest in education

## Childhood services strategy

INVESTMENT in human resources is of vital importance, and in this respect, the education of children takes top priority, according to the Chairman of the Kuwaiti Society for the Advancement of Arab Children, Dr Hassan Al Ibrahim.

Calling for the inclusion of the kindergarten stage to be made compulsory by the education law, the official said that this is no longer a luxury, but a necessity and called upon the private sector in Kuwait and the rest of the Arab world to contribute to the process of educating children.

In an interview published by Al Kuwait magazine of the Ministry of Information, Ibrahim said that the society was established in Kuwait in the mid 70s and paid great attention to programmes relating to children and began setting up of a scientific centre to facilitate the performance of its duties towards the services of educating children.

The society contacted a number of Kuwaiti businessmen and they have agreed to donate to the centre. But the idea of opening the centre was later ruled out due to administrative reasons. Later, the society was registered as one of the public societies in Kuwait.

## Research centre

About the activities of the society, he said that the society established a centre for seasonal studies on childhood in the Arab world. He added that the society also took part in the establishment of the Arab Council for Childhood and Development, based in Cairo and also presented a major study paper on the strategy of childhood services for the 90's in the Arab world. He added that the society tried to become a research centre on issues relating to Arab children and has invited many Arab experts for this purpose. The society also sponsored a project to improve children literature in the Arab world and sponsored another project for holding symposia on children issues.

Ibrahim added that the number of Arab children below 15 years is over 90 million, comprising between 45-50 per cent of the Arab population in comparison to only 23 per cent in industrial countries.

Almost half of the Arab children are not enjoying good health and only 0.016 per cent enjoy education at the kindergarten stage, the official said.

## Statistics

He added that according to available statistics, Arab schools will be incapable of accommodating this large number of Arab children and at least 8 million Arab children will find no seats at primary schools. He said that the majority of Arab children are deprived of pre-school education to the extent that Kuwaiti pupils in the kindergarten form 20 per cent of all Arab children enjoying this facility. There are about 40,000 pupils in the kindergartens in Kuwait. Ibrahim said that some countries have begun thinking of inviting the private sector to share the responsibility of opening kindergartens because of high costs.

## Salem receives

KUWAIT, July 1, (KUNA): Interior Minister Sheikh Salem Al Sabah today received Director of the Arab Centre for Security and Training Studies Dr Farouk Murad.

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## KAPILKU awards ceremony

KAPILKU held a ceremony to award certificates of attendance to the 70 participants of the Hotel and Restaurant operation class, 1989, recently organised by them. The ceremony was held at the Ramada Al Salam Hotel.

The certificates were awarded by Teddy Dela Cruz, attaché, Philippine Embassy; KAPILKU President Manny Inserto, Homer Masina, VP, media and external affairs, Jojo Medrano, AVP for welfare and special projects. Also present at the ceremony was Sid Ahmed El Mosbah,

general manager of Ramada Al Salam Hotel.

Milano Mendez, Benny Peres, Judy Dela Cruz and Romy Alojado entertained the guests with songs and music.

Parlour games were held; prizes were donated by Mohammed Zaid Al Awadi and Marina Laygo.

Picture shows KAPILKU officers with some of the participants. (Picture by Javed Basra)

## Handicapped being integrated into mainstream society

THE Kuwaiti Society for the Handicapped offers both medical and social services for those who are handicapped, the director of the society Hashem Taqi said. He added that physiotherapy treatment and psychological treatment are provided to the handicapped to integrate them into the mainstream of normal life. Social services aimed at strengthening family ties between families as well as society are also provided, the official said.

He added that 25 women volunteers are

working in the society, most of whom are Kuwaiti ladies. There are a further 250 members in the society. The society offers entertainment programmes for the handicapped children that include festivals, visits to Kuwaiti markets, a visit every Monday to gardens, sporting and sea clubs and swimming pools. The society also offers education to the handicapped. Nine teachers impart the handicapped with the principles of reading and writing. He added that paediatricists from Sabah Hospi-

tal work at the society from 4 to 6 pm daily.

## Criticism

A woman working as a volunteer said she brought her 12-year-old son to the society. He is mentally retarded — a result of complications he suffered during delivery, she said. She added that her son is provided specialised treatment to live a full and normal life. She criticised people who poke fun at the handicapped and viewed handicapped persons as being abnormal.

She called upon the Ministry of Public Health and Social Affairs and Labour to provide better and diversified activities and services to the handicapped. She said that Kuwait is an affluent country and should not encounter any problems in providing these essential and humanitarian services. The woman cited the example of European countries who had produced inventors and other outstanding people by taking care of the needs of the handicapped.



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**NOBLE deeds that are concealed are most esteemed**  
— Blaise Pascal, French scientist-philosopher (1623-1662).

## Egypt knows Bashir

## Sadiq failed to keep him away

SUDAN'S new military leader, Brigadier Omar Hassan El Bashir, is no stranger to the state-run Egyptian media. The paratroop commander had even been expected to arrive on Monday for a military training course in Cairo.

But El Bashir staged a military coup at dawn on Friday, ousting the civilian government of Africa's largest nation and proclaimed himself prime minister, defence minister and chief of the armed forces.

The early Saturday edition of the state-run Al-Ahram newspaper said "his acquaintances in Cairo" can name El Bashir's hometown and even his tribe — he is a member of the Gasaliyeen tribe of the town of Al Metnah at Shendi in the northern province neighbouring Egypt, Sudan's strong ally to the north.

Cairo's first official reaction on the El Bashir-led coup came late Friday when Prime Minister Atef Sidki said his government was following with "deep interest" developments of the situation in "sisterly Sudan" and wished the Sudanese "all success and stability."

The Sudanese embassy in Cairo had just received a cable indicating El Bashir was planning to arrive on Monday in the Egyptian capital for a training course at Cairo's highly specialised Nasser Military Academy.

El Bashir was named by his superiors for the Cairo training trip to keep him away from the Sudan because of his "nationalistically firm positions," Al-Ahram said in a front-page report.

El Bashir has been working for some time in southern Sudan, scene of the 6-year-old civil war, as a member of the Infantry Corps, the weekly newspaper Akhbar El Yom said in its front-page report.

"El Bashir enjoys tremendous popularity among his soldiers for the grand achievements he has accomplished during the civil war in southern Sudan," the newspaper said.

In his first communique on Friday, El Bashir said the Army staged the coup because "positive action" was needed to end the hardships of the Sudanese people caused by the failure of government to run the country's affairs.

Other people who know El Bashir said he is one of the best "professional soldiers," with a long record of success in southern Sudan.

Prime Minister Sadiq Al Mahdi's sacking was the subject of lengthy comments appearing in the leading state-controlled Egyptian dailies.

For example, Ibrahim Seada of the Akhbar El Yom newspaper said it was "ironic" that Al Sadiq should be the first victim of the Friday's "real" military and popular coup in Sudan, and the first to be arrested "after having fabricated the news of a coup attempt last week just to get rid of a number of his innocent political opponents."

## New Greek PM

## Charismatic style to see through

TZANNIS Tzannetakis, chosen by the conservative-leftist alliance to head a coalition government is no newcomer to the often turbulent Greek political scene.

Tzannetakis, 62, is known for his fervent belief in democratic institutions and charismatic style of getting projects completed.

Born in the southern Greek seaside town of Gytheion, Tzannetakis was influenced by his love of the sea and entered the Greek Navy Academy in 1945 for four years. During his naval career he also attended a war college in the United States.

The day after the Army seized power and suspended democracy on April 21, 1967, Tzannetakis quit the Navy. Two years later he was jailed and tortured for participating in an abortive naval officers' attempt to oust the ruling colonels. The dictatorship collapsed in 1974.

When democracy was restored in 1974 with a conservative government at the helm, Tzannetakis was appointed secretary general of the National Tourist Organisation (NTO) and later ran unsuccessfully for mayor of Athens.

He was first elected to parliament on a New Democracy ticket in 1977 and served as minister of tourism in every election since then.

The silver-haired Tzannetakis became known for his bursts of energy and stamina during his tenure at the NTO because of his frequent trips throughout the country to upgrade tourist installations.

After conservative New Democracy Party leader Constantine Mitsotakis yesterday dropped his insistence that he lead any alliance, Tzannetakis became the leading candidate because of his popularity among his parliamentary colleagues.

Parliamentarians said that Tzannetakis started contacting prospective candidates for ministerial posts early today before his candidacy was confirmed. He was not expected to encounter any serious problems in forming a cabinet which would include parliamentarians from the coalition.

The two political groups will have no problem in giving Tzannetakis a vote of confidence when he seeks it in about 15 days.

## TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1502 — Open warfare between French and Spanish in Italy breaks out over partition of Naples.
- 1568 — Swedish nobles rally to support Duke John, declaring Eric XIV insane and unfit to reign.
- 1644 — British royalists under Prince Rupert are defeated by Oliver Cromwell at Marston Moor.
- 1657 — Denmark attacks Sweden's King Charles X, who already is at war with Russia, Poland and Austria.
- 1747 — Britain and Russia, form alliance, but Britain refuses to aid Russia in its war with Sweden.
- 1774 — Russians rout Turks at Battle of Shumla.
- 1860 — Russians found Vladivostok in vicinity of Korean border.
- 1890 — Brussels Act is passed by international conference to eradicate African slave trade and liquor traffic with primitive peoples.
- 1940 — French government moves to Vichy during World War II.
- 1954 — France evacuates southern part of Red River delta in Indo-China.
- 1966 — France explodes atomic bomb at a Pacific atoll in first of series of six tests.
- 1969 — UN Secretary-General U Thant calls on all nations to halt developing and stockpiling of chemical and biological agents for warfare.
- 1972 — Pakistan and India sign accord to renounce use of force against each other.
- 1976 — North and South Vietnam are reunited officially after more than 20 years of war.
- 1988 — Salvage tugboats battle flames aboard two Iranian tankers after missile attacks by Iraq's Air Force in Gulf war.

## Vietnamese diaspora

## Dust people tack for Japan

By Mari Yamaguchi

WITH doors closing to them everywhere in Asia, some Vietnamese boat people are making longer voyages to reach Japan, which still offers a welcome.

"Unlike such Asian nations as Hong Kong and Korea, Japan never turns them away, and many Vietnamese probably know about Japan's generous policy, because people here write letters so often," said Kazuo Fujii, spokesman at a Tokyo refugee camp.

Until recently, few Vietnamese boats made the 3,000-kilometre (1,900-mile) voyage to Japan. But Southeast Asian nations announced in mid-March that boat people arriving on their shores would no longer have automatic access to resettlement in countries like the United States and France, and would be housed in camps until it was determined whether they really were political refugees. Soon afterward, the Vietnamese started pouring into Japan, officials say.

Only 219 Vietnamese refugees reached Japan last year, but almost 850 have come since January — more than half of those in June, according to statistics from the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

On June 21, an old wooden boat reached southern Japan with 100 Vietnamese aboard. Their leader, Phan Quy Vien, 52, said they had set off in early May "to escape from government oppression and go to a freer and wealthier place like Japan," said officials.

More than 1.8 million Vietnamese refugees have been settled in some 30 countries, but more than 165,000 were still in camps in Asia as of last April. The continued flood of Vietnamese leaving in the 14 years since war ended in their country is worrying some nations, especially as officials believe some refugees are fleeing an economic crisis rather than political persecution.

At an international conference on Indochinese refugees in Geneva in June, Britain and Hong Kong called for forced repatriation of refugees not fleeing for political reasons.

Vietnam refuses to accept those forced to return, and the Geneva proposal was not endorsed by the full conference. Instead, it adopted a plan to screen all new arrivals to determine if they should be granted refugee status or repatriated to Vietnam. The plan also called for encouraging voluntary return, and said alternatives would be examined if this did not succeed.

Japan pledged at the conference to take 1,000 more refugees as permanent residents over the next three years "to help reduce the neighbouring countries' burdens," said Tetsuo Eguchi, a Foreign Ministry official.

UNHCR spokesman Hosaku Okawa said "the pledge is not unrealistic considering Japan's plan to receive up to 10,000 at some point." The government approved the plan in 1986.

Despite its relatively open door, Japan does not actively encourage immigration. Since the war ended, it has given permanent residence to only 2,562 refugees.

As of May 31, Japan had 6,188 refugees, including permanent residents, according to Justice Ministry statistics.

Some of those reaching Japanese shores may have been turned away already at other Asian points, said Mamoru Takahashi, spokesman of the Refugee Resettlement Assistance headquarters in Tokyo.

Masayuki Kume of the Maritime Safety Agency agreed, citing the good condition of the 100 who arrived June 21.

"It was unbelievable that they came 3,000 kilometres (1,900 miles) without stopping," he said. Officials say Japan will have to increase its facilities in order to fulfill its pledge to take more refugees. Japan has four government-backed refugee centres, including a temporary camp in Nagasaki, southwestern Japan, that together can accommodate 1,100 people. There are 13 major private institutions with smaller capacity.

"Capacity to accommodate refugees is just not enough," said Kunihiko Kambayashi, a Justice Ministry official.

Masanami Nakatsukasa, chief of Omura Refugee Reception Centre in Nagasaki, had to transfer the centre's 85 earlier entrants to two private institutions in Hiroshima and Nagasaki to make room for newcomers last Wednesday (June 21).



Vietnamese refugees peer out over the shoreline in front of a British flag hoisted on an outlying island in Hong Kong. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Beijing by night is deserted city

THE handful of troops guarding street intersections in Beijing by day are lost in the crowds, but at night when the Chinese capital empties, the city becomes the domain of shadows and soldiers.

There is no curfew under Beijing's martial law, but with sunset the streets clear and the troops come out. Sometimes they form long lines along main boulevards. Elsewhere they cluster at crossings and on bridges.

Shuffling almost silently along dimly lit streets in groups of eight to 12, they are invisible until one virtually gets close enough to touch them.

Infantrymen shouldering AK-47 rifles loiter quietly at intersections, stopping cars after 10 pm for identification checks and often thorough searches. "We're here to stop hooliganism at night," said one soldier barely into his 20s when asked by an American reporter what the checks were for.

"There's no problem, you may go," he said, shooting the reporter off.

There have been reports of guerrilla-like attacks on troops occupying Beijing in recent days. A soldier from the 63rd Army was killed by a sniper in western

Beijing last weekend, according to Chinese sources. Western news reports said the bodies of two soldiers were found this week in a Beijing canal after they had been strangled.

The government has also charged that martial law troops have been fired on by snipers.

Ordinary Chinese have no access to guns, so the snipers, if true, could be by angered citizens who made off with Army weapons during the military's chaotic onslaught June 3-4 against pro-democracy demonstrators in Beijing.

The footsoldiers are generally polite, telling foreigners whose ID they check "sorry" or "thank you" — sometimes in English.

Asked to which unit he belonged, one allowed that he was from the 47th Army, which records show is based in rural Xian province. Then a fellow enlisted man interrupted quickly and said such information was "secret."

Officers, generally wearing automatic pistols on their belts, issue orders impatiently.

"Open the trunk, open everything," one officer snapped as he searched an American reporter's car

one night.

A waitress at the all-night Wanle restaurant on Chang'an avenue said the restaurant had lost its overnight business. "People are scared away by soldiers coming by all night long," she said after midnight in the empty restaurant. "They order our tables off the sidewalk — nobody wants to come."

At their peak, an estimated 200,000 soldiers were in Beijing immediately following the violent crackdown that left hundreds, possibly thousands, dead.

Today there are a few thousand, keeping order while plainclothes security forces continue their plodding search for what the government calls "hooligans" and "counterrevolutionary thugs."

Sources at Beijing Normal Physical Education College said last week that police came onto the campus after midnight one day and took away about 10 students who they suspected had vandalized Army trucks and buses.

"I have to put it this way: there are some elements like that at our school, and they must be dealt with according to the law," one student at the school said.

## Response to uprising

## Hot line for complaints

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, July 1. (AP) In a storefront in Arab East Jerusalem, Israeli volunteers have set up a hot line to field Palestinian complaints about the misconduct of soldiers, settlers and police.

"We try to enforce the democratic principle that the authorities are accountable to the citizens," said Tsili Goldenberg, 37, a former antiques dealer who now works at the "hot line" for victims of violence.

The hotline, a spare desk-and-telephone operation in a former men's clothing store, is one of more than 40 volunteer organisations set up in response to the Palestinian uprising in which 527 Arabs and 23 Israelis have been killed.

In the past year, Goldenberg said 731 complaints were filed with the hot line, which can call on 70 volunteers and is financed in part by a grant from the US-based New Israel Fund.

Complaints range from a claim Jewish settlers sprayed vineyards with toxic chemicals to a report that soldiers contributed to the death of a Palestinian by delaying an ambulance at a roadblock.

Aliza Herman, 28, a Chicago-born civil rights lawyer, said the hot line runs interference for Palestinians who are afraid to file complaints with the police or who face bureaucratic obstacles.

"Many times doors are closed to people from the occupied territories, and they can't get past a guard who tells them to go home," she said, adding that "as Israelis, we know how to get things done."

In one recent case, the hot line's inquiry resulted in two border policemen being disciplined for harassing a Palestinian social worker. He was detained and beaten when questioned an order to clean up the scene of a protest while on his way to work.

But getting the Army to respond to queries about the location of Arab detainees or the behaviour of soldiers is more difficult.

"We have a problem with the Army," said Goldenberg, noting there were usually lengthy delays, some of which she attributed to bureaucracy and some of which she said may be intentional avoidance.

Added Herman: "Some of the investigators respect us. Some don't speak to us. Generally, we don't get a bad reaction. More often we are just ignored."

Most of the ad hoc human rights groups are leftist-oriented, such as the Israel Information Centre for Human Rights, founded by parliament member Dedi Zucker of the Citizens' Rights Movement.

It is partially funded by a US Ford Foundation grant and compiles statistics on human rights violations and social trends in the occupied lands.

For example, director Zahava Galon said, three psychologists had undertaken a study on the impact of collective punishments such as house demolitions.

The centre estimates 700 houses have been destroyed since the intifada, as the Palestinians call the uprising, began 18 months ago — many as a punishment for the political activists of one family member.

"They are studying how this affects the dignity and self-respect of the victims, and how this will affect their ability to function in the future," said Galon.

She said that except for the volunteer activity, Israeli society as a whole was apathetic and had not been moved to the kind of protests that helped end the occupation of Lebanon from 1982 to 1985.

"This is not a clear-cut case like Lebanon," said Galon. "Most people don't feel Israel is absolutely wrong. They feel threatened and see the intifada as a threat to their existence. They tend to be more emotional than logical."

Other activists noted Israel had not paid the same price as in Lebanon, where more than 700 soldiers were killed and the Army spent billions of dollars.

A different kind of volunteer group has been created in the Army recently and given subpoena powers to probe cases in which army discipline appeared to break down. It's 20 members are mostly lawyers with combat experience as soldiers.

Col Haim Adini, 53, head of the unit and a veteran of three wars who was wounded in action, said he volunteered because he felt the Army was at a critical juncture and could not afford to duck accusations of misconduct.

"You can't sweep these problems under the carpet," he said in an interview in his Tel Aviv law office. "If we lose discipline, we lose the Army."

The volunteers persuaded senior commanders that as outsiders, reservists could work more freely than regular Army investigators because they were free to worry about promotion or damaging friendships.

So far, the unit has started work on 20 cases in which soldiers are accused of misconduct. Adini said that in some cases officers tried to cover up for their men, either to preserve morale or protect personal ties.

In one case, Adini said his investigation found soldiers were not justified in beating four Arabs in a refugee camp near Jericho. "They over-reacted, and could have handled the situation in a softer way," he said.



Kiszczak key role

INTERIOR Minister Czeslaw Kiszczak, in the running to become Polish president, played a key role in legalising Solidarity eight years after he helped suppress the union.

The craggy, dark-haired general ordered the internment of thousands of Solidarity activists, including the free trade union's leader Lech Walesa, under martial law in 1981.

He helped communist leader General Wojciech Jaruzelski to co-ordinate the crackdown and became his right-hand man through the 1980s.

Adam Michnik, one of the dissidents he jailed, called Kiszczak "a swine" in a celebrated letter from internment in 1983.

But like Jaruzelski, who on Friday proposed him as party candidate for president, Kiszczak, 63, became a reformer after pro-Solidarity strikes last summer raised fears of an upheaval such as toppled Polish leaders in 1956, 1970 and 1980.

"He is rightly regarded as the leading representative of the line of agreement and bold solutions," Jaruzelski said, recommending Kiszczak for president.

He has frequently proved his ability to defend effectively the overriding interests of the socialist state, but he has also proved that in pursuit of national agreement he spares no effort and knows how to win his partner's trust."

Kiszczak was the government's chief negotiator in talks with Walesa which led to a reform pact and Solidarity's re-legalisation last April.

"I am willing to talk with anyone if that benefits Poland and the cause which I serve," Kiszczak told a Polish reporter. In February Kiszczak shook hands with Michnik and other ex-prisoners as he presided over "round table" reform talks.

Later he was spotted swapping jokes at a reception with Jacek Kuron, a former prisoner and one of his sharpest critics.

Kiszczak once described the first few weeks of martial law as the most difficult time of his life and welcomed the reform talks

which he said closed a chapter of Polish history.

"Today, as we look our fellow-countrymen straight in the eye, we feel a stage in our national history is coming to a close but, immediately a new one is opening, a fresh historic opportunity is arising for Poland," he said sitting opposite Walesa at the final session of talks.

But he has never shaken off the image of a ruthless enforcer of police repression.

Only last August Kiszczak sent riot police storming into coalmines, bus depots and a steel mill to break up pro-Solidarity strikes.

Last month he was one of several top communists who

failed to be returned to parliament in partly-free elections despite standing unopposed. More than half the voters crossed out his name.

Born on October 19, Kiszczak joined the Communist Party in 1945. Building a career in the armed forces, he headed military intelligence from 1972 to 1979 and the military police from 1979 to 1981.

"I see no room for compromise in the struggle for the socialist state's peace and security, and in relations with political enemies," he said in 1985 before turning reformer.

"However, I never wish someone when he is down" (Warsaw — Reuters)

Handwritten signature: Jozef J. J.



# BUSINESS & FINANCE

Kuwait trade volume dips

## Market indices turn mixed

THE Alshail index for Kuwaiti shareholding companies recorded on Wednesday an average of 38.34 points with an increase of 0.51 point — 1.35 per cent — over last week's average. The Alshail index for non-Kuwaiti shareholding companies reached 67.67 points with a decrease of 1.00 point — 1.46 per cent — for the same period, according to Alshail weekly market review.

The trading volume for Kuwaiti shares reached 16.84 million shares at a daily average of 3.37 million shares with a decrease of 11 per cent from the previous week's daily average of 3.78 million shares.

Non-Kuwaiti traded shares reached 1.11 million shares at a daily average of 0.222 million shares with an increase of 311 per cent over last week's daily average of 0.054 million shares.

The value of Kuwaiti traded shares was KD5.22 million at a daily average of KD1.04 million, a decrease of 33 per cent from last week's daily average of KD1.55 million.

The value of non-Kuwaiti traded shares was KD0.038 million at a daily average of KD0.008 million, an increase of 300 per cent over last week's daily average of KD0.002 million.

The market returned to show signs of weak activity. However, the indices in both Kuwaiti and non-Kuwaiti markets showed signs of mixed performance due to the selective purchasing of shares.

Market dealers are starting to doubt the feasibility of the promised solutions as a possible long-term remedy to the present problems facing the Kuwaiti Stock Exchange.

"We believe that even though they have taken a long time to conclude that such declarations are ineffective, it is still better than never reaching this conclusion at all. Both prices and trading volume are likely to be affected positively in the short run after the promised solutions are implemented."

However, if a permanent solution is to be found, a realistic approach together with some painful changes that would affect most listed companies should be adopted.

For the Kuwaiti shares market, the banking sector led at 56 per cent of total trading against 48 per cent last week, of which The Gulf Bank had the lead at 31 per cent followed by The Commercial Bank at 19 per cent and The National Bank at 18 per cent.

The investment sector came second at 15 per cent of which Kuwait Investment Projects had the lead at 54 per cent, followed by National Investments at 24 per cent, and International Investment Company at 20 per cent.

Third came the real estate sector at 14 per cent of total market trading of which United Realty had the lead at 58 per cent, followed by Kuwait Pearl Investments at 32 per cent and Kuwait Investments at 10 per cent.

For the non-Kuwaiti shares market, Arabian General Investment Company (SHUAA) led at 50 per cent, followed by Gulf Medical Projects at 21 per cent and Bahrain and Middle East Bank at 14 per cent.

Kuwait shareholding companies index			
	28/06/89	21/06/89	Change points
<b>Banking Sector</b>			
The National Bank	112.35	111.29	1.15
The Gulf Bank	31.92	31.92	—
The Commercial Bank	23.71	23.27	0.44
Al Ahli Bank	30.78	30.28	0.50

Bank of Kuwait & M. East	31.44	30.50	0.94
Kuwait R. Estate Bank	28.29	28.29	—
Burgan Bank	27.06	27.06	—
Kuwait Finance House	77.45	76.62	0.82
<b>Sector Index</b>	<b>46.45</b>	<b>45.96</b>	<b>0.48</b>
<b>Investment Sector</b>			
Kuwait Investment Co.	18.18	17.81	0.37
Kuwait Int. Invest. Co.	11.00	11.17	-0.17
IFA	31.62	31.62	—
Commercial Facilities	118.25	112.75	5.50
National Investments	64.71	64.71	—
Kuwait Investment Proj.	91.01	89.89	1.12
<b>Sector Index</b>	<b>32.36</b>	<b>31.82</b>	<b>0.54</b>
<b>Insurance Sector</b>			
Kuwait Insurance Co.	35.88	32.89	2.99
Gulf Insurance Co.	26.15	24.62	1.54
Al Ahleia Insurance Co.	48.80	48.80	—
Warba Insurance Co.	58.42	58.42	—
<b>Sector Index</b>	<b>36.64</b>	<b>34.67</b>	<b>1.97</b>
<b>Real Estate Sector</b>			
Kuwait Real Estate	16.82	16.57	0.25
United Realty	5.81	5.81	—
National Real Estate	55.83	55.83	—
Pearl of Kuwait	71.43	68.25	3.17
<b>Sector Index</b>	<b>18.81</b>	<b>18.56</b>	<b>0.25</b>
<b>Industrial Sector</b>			
Kuwait Cement Co.	11.59	11.59	—
Refrigeration Indust.	79.06	79.06	—
Gulf Cables	110.87	110.87	—
Kuwait Pharmaceutical	73.78	73.78	—
<b>Sector Index</b>	<b>28.98</b>	<b>28.98</b>	<b>—</b>
<b>Services Sector</b>			
Kuwait Computer Co.	155.52	159.84	-4.32
Kuwait Cinema Co.	8.56	8.56	—
Public Warehousing Co.	70.71	70.71	—
Kuwait Comm. Markets Co.	37.75	37.29	0.46
Mobile Telephone Syst.	280.95	280.95	—
<b>Sector Index</b>	<b>54.90</b>	<b>54.93</b>	<b>-0.03</b>
<b>Food Sector</b>			
Livestock Trad. & Transp.	30.51	30.51	—
United Fisheries	10.62	10.62	—
Kuwait United Poultry	84.34	84.34	—
Kuwait Food Co.	68.97	66.67	2.30
<b>Sector Index</b>	<b>36.18</b>	<b>35.78</b>	<b>0.39</b>
<b>Overall Index</b>	<b>38.34</b>	<b>37.83</b>	<b>0.51</b>

Non-Kuwaiti shareholding companies index			
	28/06/89	21/06/89	Change points
<b>First Gulf Bank</b>	223.68	223.68	—
Bahrain Internat. Bank	86.90	86.90	—
Bahrain M. East Bank	88.10	90.17	-1.90
Arabian Inv. & Dev. Co.	78.10	78.10	—
Arabian Gen. Inv. (SHUAA)	43.94	47.73	-3.79
United Al Quain Cement	13.87	14.25	-0.37
Gulf Medical Projects	21.46	21.15	0.32
<b>Total Index</b>	<b>67.67</b>	<b>68.67</b>	<b>1.00</b>

—Based period 31/12/1983.  
—All the companies listed by the Stock Exchange under non-Kuwaiti companies are included.

## BCCI to renew contacts

Intensive marketing strategy planned

By Fathima Ahmed  
Arab Times staff

THE BANK of Credit and Commerce International (BCCI) has fully recovered from the adverse publicity it received after a US indictment against one of its branches, a top bank official has said.

The acting president and director of BCCI, Swaleh Naqvi, who is in Kuwait to renew contacts, said BCCI "remains strong, financially, and hopes for a better performance this year."

BCCI has plans to launch an intensive marketing strategy to sustain its growth and survive in a highly competitive market, Naqvi said.

Naqvi said the bank would welcome further co-operation and co-ordination from Arab banks.

"We want to service a large segment (of clients) through an intensive marketing strategy," he said.

BCCI has begun a study to chart out a 10-year strategy to meet the changing needs of the highly volatile money market.



Swaleh Naqvi

"We have to remain alive to realities," he said.

BCCI, said to be one of the largest Arab banks, was founded by Agha Hassan Abedi along with investors from the UAE, Saudi Arabia, Qatar and Kuwait, in Luxembourg in 1972 with a capital of \$2.5 million.

In 17 years, BCCI has become the seventh largest private bank

in the world with total assets of \$20.637 billion. Its capital fund has gone up from \$2.5 million in 1972 to \$1.517 billion. Total deposits went up to \$18.815 billion; its loans and advances portfolio is \$9.838 billion.

In 1988, its net operating profit was \$192 million. In terms of assets, it is said to be one of the largest Arab banks.

Last year, however, the bank gained world-wide publicity for its alleged involvement in laundering drug money. The case is now in the US courts. Naqvi describing it as "an unfortunate incident," and admitted the bank received "unattractive publicity in the US" and did have an "initial impact and a modest withdrawal of funds," mainly in the US.

"We are a highly liquid bank and the withdrawals did not make a major impact on us," he claimed.

He said the bank has since "recovered", largely due to continued staff commitment and loyal clients, Naqvi said BCCI remains a "strong establish-

ment." Commenting on the formation of the EEC in 1992, he said, it would enable the bank to cut costs by "consolidating management". He said it would be possible to enlarge the number of products and reduce costs.

Naqvi, who visited Kuwait in 1984, expressed confidence in Kuwait's economy and said it would recover and attain a sustained rate of growth.

He made courtesy calls on Kuwait's finance minister and the governor of the Central Bank.

He said Arab banks could expand co-operation with BCCI and explore the possibilities of expansion. "We have a certain niche in the market," he said, calling Arab banks to co-ordinate efforts with them.

The BCCI group is spread over Africa, Asia, Australia, Europe and the Far East and the North and South Americas, with 417 branches in 73 countries. It has 1.3 million customers, handling \$17.1 billion of world trade transactions.

## Lagos to boost energy industry development

LAGOS, July 1. (Reuters): Nigeria said today it was selling an oil equity stake equivalent to about one-tenth of its total reserves, raising much needed cash and freeing resources to boost energy industry development.

"We have to invest at the right time to benefit from the growing demand we see for our oil — and we think that time is now," Mohammed Bakindo, aide to Oil Minister Rilwanu Lukman, told Reuters.

He would not comment on industry reports suggesting that the deal could swell Nigeria's depleted treasury by about \$2 billion.

A statement from Lukman, who is also president of the oil exporter group OPEC, announced the sale of 20 per cent of the National Nigerian Petroleum Corporation's (NNPC) biggest joint venture, operated by the Royal Dutch-Shell group.

From more than 1,000 wells in 83 fields around the Niger delta, it produces over half

the country's daily output of around 1.5 million barrels of premium crude.

The new deal cuts NNPC's share in the joint venture back to 60 per cent from 80, raises Shell's to 30 per cent from 20, and gives AGIP SPA of Italy and Societe Nationale Elf Aquitaine of France each a new five per cent share.

Earlier yesterday, Elf said it was paying \$500 million for its stake. AGIP's parent company ENI said last week it was investing a similar amount in a Nigerian acquisition.

"The deals have been concluded. Only details remain to be finalised," said Bakindo.

Disposal of the proceeds will be up to President Ibrahim Babangida's military government, struggling in the face of popular unrest to impose structural adjustment and pay off \$30 billion of foreign debt.

The collapse of world oil prices after the 1970s boom has slashed Nigerian dollar earn-

ings to a quarter of their 1980 levels.

Lukman said the deal would enable the government to raise funds to improve performance in the petroleum sector, which last year earned 88 per cent of Nigeria's export revenue.

He said it was part of \$14.5 billion exploration and development plan aimed at increasing recoverable oil reserves, now estimated at 16 billion barrels, to 20 billion barrels.

The plan envisages building crude oil output capacity to above its 1979 peak of 2.4 million barrels a day, against about 1.85 million now.

"We see tight supplies in the 1990s, at least for light, low sulphur oil like ours," said Bakindo.

"The environmental green movement will increase demand for it, and so will the shrinking reserve base of competing crude from the North Sea and Alaska."

## 'Don't kill space plane programme

WASHINGTON, July 1. (AP): The National Space Council will urge President George Bush to keep the "space plane" alive but limit its development programme to the testing of unproven technology, a newspaper reported today.

The programme is looking into the development of a plane capable of taking off from a conventional runway, going into orbit and landing on a regular runway.

Then-President Ronald Reagan called it the "Tokyo Express" for the projected two-hour flight time from New York to Tokyo.

Defence Secretary Dick Cheney proposed killing the project or transferring it to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration most of the \$427 million project proposed by Reagan for the year beginning Oct 1.

The Washington Post said in today's editions the council recommended that the project get \$254 million next year, shared equally by NASA and the Defence Department.

The Senate Armed Services Committee recommended \$412 million, with \$127 million from NASA.

Nearly \$2 billion has been spent on the programme over the past four years. Potential contractors have spent \$700 million of their own funds.

## KD deposit rates ease

KUWAIT, July 1. (Reuters): Kuwaiti dinar overnight deposit rates eased in active trade today after having soared on Thursday.

Dealers said a treasury bill issue, departing foreign workers and a drain of salaries had earlier converged to choke the market of funds, sending overnight trade on Thursday as high as 20 per cent.

Today new liquidity had entered the market, but at least one small overnight deal was still concluded at 20 per cent. Dealers quoted 20 to 10 per cent.

Most trade was reported in tomorrow-next and spot-next, with tomorrow-next well-offered at seven compared to Thursday's 10. Spot-next eased to eight from 9-1/2 8-1/2.

A high yield averaging nearly nine per cent on Wednesday's 149 million (\$507 million) dinar treasury bill issue had attracted funds out of the market on Thursday.

## Yemens to award oil exploration rights

Contract likely to go to a consortium

NICOSIA, July 1. (Agencies): North and South Yemen will award a contract for oil exploration in a concession straddling their border by the end of the month, an official said today.

Askar Al Zahri, head of North Yemen's exploration and production department, told Reuters by telephone from Sanaa that the two countries had drawn up a shortlist of 26 companies.

"It is now mainly a matter of formalities and finalising procedures...by the end of the month we will announce the winner," said Zahri, adding that officials would meet next week.

Some 45 international firms originally bid for exploration rights in the 2,200-square-km (850-square-mile) concession.

The contract is expected to go to a consortium rather than one firm, the Paris-based Petros-Strategies newsletter has said.

Oil was discovered in North Yemen's Marib region in 1984 and in South Yemen's Shabwa region just across the border in 1986.

The two states formed the Yemen Company for Investment in oil and minerals two years later to exploit the tract.

North Yemen became oil exporting country in December 1987. South Yemen, one of the world's poorest nations, already produces a small quantity of oil.

Meanwhile, gasoline fell more than a penny a gallon yesterday on the New York Mercantile Exchange, as accounts were squared on a quiet final day of trading in July delivery contracts and traders left early for the July fourth holiday weekend.

On the Merc, unleaded gasoline for immediate delivery dropped 1.61 cents to 59.91 cents a gallon, 3.01 cents below last week's close.

The August contract, which trades for immediate delivery when the Merc reopens Wednesday, was down 0.88 cent to 57.77 cents a gallon.

Heating oil fell 0.10 cent to 49.35 cents a gallon, a miniscule 0.40 cent rise over last week.

West Texas Intermediate — the benchmark US crude — was down one cent to \$20.27, which was 56 cents higher than last week.

On the US Gulf Coast spot market, WTI dropped 35 cents to \$19.95 a barrel, still 25 cents over last week.

"Most of the people took the day off. We took the opportunity to get some paperwork done," said Michael McDermott, president of benchmark Futures Inc. in Houston.

"The only outstanding feature was the selloff in gasoline," said the analyst, who attributed the drop to Friday being last day of trading on the July futures contract.

Since many traders had already moved their positions into August futures, even moderate trading could result in a relatively large price movement, he noted.

But Andrew Lebow of E.D.F. Man International Futures Inc. in New York said, "demand (for gasoline) may not be as strong as we think."

Gasoline prices plunged more than 2 cents a gallon Wednesday after an American Petroleum Institute report showed supplies were not dropping as sharply as expected with the approach of the holiday weekend and the summer driving season.

The API weekly statistical report showed gasoline inventories falling 1.3 million barrels, said Peter Beutel of New York's Elders Futures Inc.

## OPEC aide retires

## Chalabi calls for rational pricing

NICOSIA, July 1. (Agencies): OPEC's longest-serving top official retired yesterday after 11 years as deputy secretary-general, urging the group to keep a lid on prices to boost demand.

Fadhil Al Chalabi of Iraq joined the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries in 1978 and acted as secretary-general from 1983 to 1988, the OPEC news agency OPECNA, monitored in Cyprus, said.

Chalabi, 59, said in an interview with the agency that the next five years would be crucial for OPEC. If the rebound in demand that began in 1986 continued into the 1990s, OPEC would again be the greatest oil power in the world.

But the trend could be dampened if it did not follow a "rational pricing policy aimed at the reactivation of the market," Chalabi said.

Described by the "Middle East Economic Survey (MEES)" as "OPEC's longest serving and most distinguished oil man," Chalabi acted as OPEC secretary-general from 1983 to 1988.

Chalabi emphasised that expensive investment in non-OPEC oil exploration would only be encouraged if prices were high. If prices stayed at reasonable levels, demand for OPEC oil would grow and OPEC would once more be "in the driving seat," OPEC, he added, "should have a range of prices which sustain the trend of rising oil demand."

He said the next five years were "crucial" to OPEC's future. The "very strong indicators" in the second half of the current decade that the decline in OPEC's power was being reversed, should not be "left to themselves." Instead, a strategy for the maintenance and strengthening of the trend should be clearly formulated and implemented.

Chalabi asked to comment on the growing chorus of environmental disapproval of fossil fuels said, "the world cannot do without oil. It should also be possible to develop technologies which could reduce the negative effects of burning oil."

He said the alternatives to oil were "simply not there." Nuclear power had its negative aspects and many countries had turned their back on it. More widespread use of gas was inhibited by transportation difficulties and the prohibitive costs involved in laying pipelines. Burning coal was far worse than burning oil. "It is easy to denounce fossil fuels, but what is going to replace them in the foreseeable future?" he asked.

Kuwait's Oil Minister Ali Khalifa described Al Chalabi's services to OPEC as "exceptional" which had "facilitated" the working of the organisation and the OPEC conferences during his 11 years at the secretariat, five of them as its acting head. He called his contribution "extremely distinguished."

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## Summit calls for further economic integration

OUAGADOUGOU, July 1. (Reuters): A summit of the world's poorest group of countries ended yesterday with calls for further economic integration and for money to run its organisation.

"The non-payment of contributions and accumulation of arrears constitutes one of the biggest obstacles to the development of our community," Togo's President Gnassingbe Eyadema said in a speech at the end of the 12th summit of the Economic Community of West African States (Ecowas).

Ecowas, established in 1975 to promote trade and economic integration, groups 16 Anglophone and Francophone states which range from oil-rich Nigeria to impoverished desert countries like Mauritania and Mali.

The community's secretariat, which

estimated arrears at \$84 million, warned at the summit in the capital of Burkina Faso that it might run out of money to complete new buildings.

The final communiqué suggested looking outside the region for capital to pump up the Ecowas development fund, now capitalised at about \$500 million.

The communiqué made no mention of a rapprochement between neighbouring member states Senegal and Mauritania, whose leaders were reported by official sources to have met at the summit for the first time since ethnic riots rocked both countries in April.

Hundreds were killed and tens of thousands made homeless in clashes between black Senegalese and predominantly Moorish Mauritians who had lived

alongside each other for years.

Reports continued to conflict yesterday whether Senegal's Abdou Diouf and Mauritania's Maouya Ould Sid'Ahmed Taya met privately and shook hands on Thursday.

A Malian official said they had been reconciled in the presence of Mali's President Moussa Traore, who is chairman of the Organisation of African Unity.

A Mauritanian official said there had been no such meeting.

The communiqué affirmed Ecowas support for the rights of citizens to cross borders and urged member states to establish commissions to review complaints.

The summit, attended by 11 of the 16 Ecowas heads of state, was held for the first

time in Ouagadougou. Burkina Faso's military leader Captain Blaise Compaore was elected president for the coming year.

He replaces Gambia's President Sir Dawda Jawara whose country will host the next summit.

The communiqué said West African states must "take all necessary measures to revitalise and intensify their own integration process" to meet the challenge of European Economic Community plans for a free internal market.

The summit set January 1 to begin Ecowas's first phase in elimination of tariffs on manufactured goods, covering 26 items from eight member states.

Jawara, in a radio interview, admitted this was modest but called it "an extremely important step."

## Leading economic indicators

## Pace of economic activity is slowing

THE index of leading economic indicators, which is used to forecast the state of the economy in six to nine months, fell sharply by 1.2 per cent in May supplying further evidence that the pace of economic activity is slowing. The dollar dropped briefly but then recovered partly due to loss of confidence in the Japanese unit because of political uncertainty, according to NBK weekly market report.

The Bundesbank's increase in key interest rates together with the other rate rises in Europe undermined the strength of the US unit and it fell more than a penny to below DM1.94 whilst equities dropped sharply lower assisted by profit taking.

The dollar ended the week at DM1.95 and yen 143.9.

Leading indicators fell a greater than expected 1.2 per cent in May which was the greatest decline in a year and a half. The index had previously risen 0.6 per cent in April following a fall of 0.6 per cent in March.

Home sales rose 2.7 per cent in May to a seasonally adjusted rate of 613,000 units. This was a larger increase than the 0.8 per cent anticipated and compared to a

revised 9.1 per cent increase in April. Home sales in May were down 9.7 per cent from May 1988.

Factory orders fell 2.5 per cent in May following a 3 per cent rise in April and a 0.7 per cent rise in March. This was the largest fall in ten months and was far greater than the market had forecast.

Factory shipments fell by a slightly less than expected 0.2 per cent in May following a 2.6 per cent rise in April and a 0.1 per cent fall in March.

The decline in the leading indicators signalling widespread weakness in the economy increased speculation of a possible Federal Reserve easing of monetary policy.

However, "We still continue to maintain that there is unlikely to be any significant relaxation for another two to three months."

The only major economic indicator next week is the unemployment figure and with the current lack of direction in the market currently the period of consolidation is anticipated to continue prior to the release of Friday's data.

Trading ranges for the coming

week are: \$:DM1.93-1.98 and \$:Yen 142-147.

The better than expected trade figures for May boosted sterling by two pennings to a high of DM3.0750 whilst equities reached a post-crash peak.

In addition, pressure for an early rise in interest rates eased temporarily and market sentiment became less bearish.

However, the pound failed to hold on to its earlier gains following the announcement of the West German interest rate hike and the equity market suffered as optimism regarding domestic rates was undermined by the carefully orchestrated European rate rises.

The pound ended the week at DM3.02 and £/\$1.55.

Current account deficit for May was £1.32 billion following a revised £1.76 billion April gap. This was considerably lower than the £1.85 billion deficit forecast by the market and compares with a gap of £1.68 billion in May 1988.

Trade balance deficit was also lower than expected at £1.72 billion compared to gaps of £2.16 billion in April and £1.63 billion the previous year.

## Wall Street stocks extend slide

## Recession fears widen

NEW YORK, July 1. (Reuters): Wall Street stocks were pounded at mid-session yesterday, extending the market's heavy selloff to a third consecutive day, as fears of a recession widened.

But blue chips managed to recover about half of their losses from an early slide that knocked more than 40 points off the Dow Jones industrial average.

The Dow was down 20.49 points at 2,437.78 at 1:30 pm (1730 GMT). Volume on the New York Stock Exchange was a moderate 120.09 million shares, with declines outpacing advances nearly 4-to-1.

The Dow has lost 70 points in the past two sessions amid deepening fears of a recession. Those fears were exacerbated yesterday after the Commerce Department reported that factory orders — a measure of the industrial sector's health — slumped 2.5 per cent in May, the largest decline in 10 months.

Traders said programme trading added to the market's slide, along with one of the first concerted bouts of profit-taking in a Wall Street rally that has carried stocks up 15 per cent so far this year.

The absence of many traders due to the approaching July 4 holiday weekend made the market more

vulnerable to programme activity, traders said. The market will be open on Monday, when trading is expected to be light, but closed on Tuesday for the Independence Day holiday.

Programme trading added to the market's slide, along with profit-taking and the absence of many participants due to the approaching July 4 holiday weekend, traders said.

Volatility in the dollar also contributed to the stock market's decline, traders said.

The dollar ended mixed yesterday as dealers grappled with the conflicting forces of political turmoil in Japan, pulling down the yen on the one hand, and forecasts of lower US interest rates, pulling down the dollar on the other.

The dollar sank to 1.9525 West German marks from 1.9645 marks and 1.6755 Swiss francs, down from 1.6875. But it edged up to 143.95 Japanese yen from 143.80 yen.

The sex scandal surrounding Japan's Prime Minister Sosuke Uno dragged the yen lower ahead of Tokyo municipal elections on Sunday, dealers said. The vote will be closely watched as a guide to the July 23 upper house election.

## Fiat on track for higher profits

TURIN, Italy, July 1. (Reuters): Italian industrial giant Fiat SPA said yesterday sales surged 21 per cent in the first quarter of this year and the group expected to show strong profit growth for the full year.

Italy's largest private industrial group announced at its annual shareholders meeting that sales rose to 17.2 trillion lire (\$12.3 billion) in the first quarter.

Chairman Giovanni Agnelli said Fiat's turnover this year is expected to rise 17 per cent to around 52 trillion lire (\$37.1 billion), while operating profit is estimated to rise to 4.5 trillion lire (\$3.2 billion) from 3.8 trillion lire (\$2.7 billion) in 1988.

Agnelli said the company continues to look for expansion opportunities ahead of the unified European market in 1992 but repeatedly denied speculation that the Italian group wanted to acquire an interest in West Germany's Daimler Benz.

"The cornerstone of our international strategy is the strengthening of our presence in Europe," he said, but added that "none of the large-scale European car makers have any intention of selling out now."

"The European car business is going well. When everybody makes money, no one thinks of the difficulties down the road," he said.

Fiat said its car unit Fiat Auto boosted its share in the European car market to 15.5 per cent at the end of the first quarter, up from 14.9 per cent in the comparable 1988 quarter.

The market share gives it a narrow edge over competitor Volkswagen AG. Fiat is aiming to sell around 2.3 million cars this year, up from 2.2 million in 1988.

Shareholders also approved Fiat's previously announced plan to repurchase up to 100 million of its shares on the open market. "Fiat has a lot of cash, and I believe buying back our shares is good business," Agnelli said.

Agnelli did not exclude that the company could use the repurchased shares as part of an alliance with another industrial firm, but said there were no current plans to do so.

## Yugoslav inflation hits 650pc

BELGRADE, July 1. (Reuters): Prime Minister Ante Markovic, fighting an uphill battle to rescue Yugoslavia's economy, suffered a blow yesterday with official data showing annual inflation rocketed to more than 650 per cent in June.

The Federal Bureau of Statistics said prices rose by 50.6 per cent since a record 652.2 per cent compared with 601.6 per cent annual inflation in May. In June last year, inflation stood at 175.5 per cent.

The figures provided ammunition for critics of Markovic in the federal parliament and in Yugoslavia's six republics. They contend that he has done nothing to protect living standards since he took office in March.

"It is true that inflation leads to a country's collapse, then either the premier and his government are genuinely unaware of the colossal problems or they are deliberately closing their eyes to them," the Belgrade newspaper Politika Ekspres said.

Fed likely to ease credit conditions  
Tide turning on Wall Street?

NEW YORK, July 1. (AP): Whether they are out in yachts or rowboats this long US Independence Day holiday weekend, a lot of stock-market investors are surely wondering whether the currents have shifted on Wall Street.

In the last few days leading up to midyear, the negative economic news that has been enthusiastically received for months in the financial world suddenly wasn't so welcome any more.

What appeared to be the turning point was the government's report Wednesday that the index of leading US economic indicators, a primary statistical tool for measuring future trends, took a larger-than-expected 1.2 per cent drop in May.

That reinforced the prevailing view that the American economy was slowing, fulfilling a primary goal of recent Federal Reserve policy. And it seemed to increase the chances that the Fed would move more aggressively to ease credit conditions before long.

Following the standard script, interest rates fell in the bond

market, reducing the competitive appeal of bonds and money-market investments in comparison to stocks.

But the stock market, instead of rising, embarked on a steep decline that lasted through the end of the week. Maybe, traders seemed to be thinking, the slowdown is happening too fast.

It didn't help much that several technical analysts, who concentrate on trends within the market itself rather than developments in the economy, were warning that stocks were ripe for a setback.

"The stock and bond markets and the US dollar are about to enter into a prolonged consolidation phase that could drag through the entire third quarter," said Joseph Barthel, technical analyst at Butcher and Singer Inc.

"The end result of these expected consolidations will be to relieve the overbought and overvalued conditions now surrounding the three markets."

"The market's headed for a fall," declared Joseph Feshbach

at Prudential-Bache Securities. "Our caution flag for the second half is at full staff."

Investors didn't wait for the second half to act on those warnings and fears. In the last week of what had been a robust, prosperous first half for the bulls, stocks took their sharpest drop in more than a year.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrials fell 91.81 points to 2,440.06, for its largest weekly loss since it tumbled 108.42 points March 21-25, 1988.

The New York Stock Exchange composite index dropped 4.96 to 1,779.90; the Nasdaq composite index for the over-the-counter market slumped 13.07 to 435.29, and the American Stock Exchange market value index was down 5.28 at 358.97.

Volume on the Big Board averaged 162.15 million shares a day, against 168.49 million the week before.

To some observers, the flareup of recession worries was actually a positive for the market's longer-term prospects.

The "soft landing" thesis that

all would go well for the economy had acquired too many believers, they said, and it was inevitable that money managers at investing institutions would begin to question what might go wrong.

"Not to worry," advised Stephen Leeb, editor of the advisory letter indicator Digest. "In post-war history we have never had a broad-based correction in stocks when (prices of) bonds were in an uptrend."

Nevertheless, the recession-or-not debate seems likely to have climbed to a spot high on Wall Street's agenda for the immediate future.

If the pattern established this past week holds, that could mean that the bond and stock markets diverge from the parallel paths they have followed for much of the 1980s.

Fears of deflation prevailing over fears of inflation might fuel strong demand for high-quality interest-bearing securities like treasury bonds, while leaving investors leery of stocks and lower-quality debt such as "junk" bonds.

## Serbia's \$1b loan stirs rivalries

## Yugoslavia's foreign debt totals \$22b

BELGRADE, July 1. (Reuters): Yugoslavia's ethnic quarrels are sharpening over the decision of Serbia, the largest of the country's six republics, to raise a public loan of more than \$1 billion for economic development.

Serbia says the loan will benefit the entire Yugoslav economy, but its chief rivals, the northern republics of Croatia and Slovenia, say the measure marks one more step down the road to the country's disintegration.

The Croats and Slovenes say the loan shows Serbian leaders have rejected the idea of joining other regions in fashioning common policies to overcome Yugoslavia's economic crisis.

"The decision to raise a national loan suggests that the leadership is convinced that it can create a kind of Serbian economic miracle outside the framework of Yugoslav economic policy," the Croatian newspaper Vjesnik said.

The Serbian newspaper Politika hit back: "The 'truth' about Serbia's loan which some Slovenian and Croatian newspapers are spreading is the truth about themselves and their mentors, their sick hatred, obsessions, provincial mentality and complexes."

With Yugoslavia suffering from 600 per cent inflation, 16 per cent unemployment and a \$22-billion foreign debt, any proposals for economic revival stir heated passions among the rival republics.

The loan is intended purely for economic development inside Serbia, but Serbian officials say all Yugoslavia will ultimately gain from more profitable Serbian state-run enterprises and private businesses.

Serbia is asking people to use their foreign-currency savings to buy bonds worth \$1 billion, and also to subscribe to a loan of 2,000 dinars (\$120 million). Interest will be higher than on normal bank deposits.

Serbia is also appealing to Serbs living abroad, mainly in the United States and West Germany. One Serb living in California is reported to have contributed \$50,000.

The loan disturbs Slovenia and Croatia because they see it as part of a general Serbian strategy of self-assertion within Yugoslavia, a communist federation whose six republics have shared power equally since 1945.

Serbia regained control this year of two provinces, Kosovo and Vojvodina, which had enjoyed autonomy since 1974. The move sparked riots in Kosovo in which 25 people were killed. Ethnic Albanians outnumber Serbs by almost nine to one in the province.

Another display of Serbian nationalism, about half a million Serbs staged a festival in Kosovo on Wednesday marking the 600th anniversary of a battle against Turkish invaders. It was one of the biggest gatherings in modern Yugoslav history.

Croatia is alarmed at Serbian charges that Serbs in Croatia are suffering the same kind of discrimination that Serbs in Kosovo allege. Slovenia, for its part, fears a Serbian-inspired crackdown on liberal Slovenian political trends.

Serbia's critics say the Serbian press announced the loan with all the zeal of a call to war. Rather than describing the loan as an aid to Yugoslavia's economy, they say, it was presented as vital to Serbia's national salvation.

## Soviet economy declining steadily

MOSCOW, July 1. (Reuters): The Soviet economy is declining steadily and inefficient industries must shed 12 to 15 million workers by the end of the century, an expert appointed to oversee economic reform said today.

Leonid Abalkin said the economic situation was deteriorating each month and there would be no end to food queues and rationing until the government's 100 billion rouble (\$153 billion) annual budget deficit was cut.

"It is a fact that there will be a net decline in manpower needed in the production sphere," Abalkin, 59, told the Supreme Soviet, or parliament, which later confirmed him as chairman of the State Committee on Economic Reform and a deputy prime minister.

"We absolutely need to make 12 to 15 million people redundant and to find employment for them, to ensure that there is an area in which they can work," he added. "This requires a colossal state programme."

He said unemployment was already a serious problem in Central Asia and other regions, where the population was growing faster than the local infrastructure.

Abalkin, director of the prestigious Institute of the Economy, also said it would take at least seven to eight years to turn the rouble into a convertible currency. The rouble is not at present freely tradeable.

The influential economist has painted a grim picture of the Soviet economy in recent speeches, calling for far more radical policy than that now being followed.

He told a news conference two weeks ago a "rightward swing" by society was inevitable if the economy did not begin to improve in the next 1-1/2 to two years.

His comments have been made against a background of dwindling supplies of many basic products in the country's state shops and increasingly widespread rationing.

Shaalan optimistic on accord  
IMF official winds up visit

CAIRO, July 1. (Reuters): A senior International Monetary Fund (IMF) official ended a week-long visit to Cairo today saying he was optimistic about prospects of reaching an accord on rescheduling Egypt's heavy foreign debt.

Abdel Shakour Shaalan, head of the IMF's Middle East division, said however there could still be issues to be resolved before the IMF would approve an accord.

Egypt, with foreign debts totalling between \$45 and \$50 billion, needs to convince the IMF it is serious about reforming its economy to enable it to start debt rescheduling talks at the Paris Club of creditor nations with a clean bill of health.

"I am optimistic. They really seem to be serious," Shaalan told Reuters.

He added, however:

"Exchange rate and interest rate policy fell somewhat short of what (IMF) management wanted. Washington may want changes."

Egyptian-born Shaalan had been quoted earlier this week by the weekly political review Al-Musawwar as saying Egypt might reach an agreement soon which would pave the way for new credits and a rescheduling of up to \$10 billion debt.

Shaalan said the IMF estimated Egypt's total arrears from July 1988 until now, along with the amount which will fall due in the next 18 months as totalling \$8 to 10 billion.

The IMF still had to agree the amount of standby credit it will give to the Egyptians, he added. Under IMF rules, Egypt would be eligible for a maximum of \$500 million a year.

Egypt last signed an IMF accord in 1987 on exceptionally lenient terms, only to come knocking on the door again.

Foreign diplomats have said this time the IMF will need to be convinced that Egypt is serious about performing its economy within a fixed timescale. The economic reform programme is to be carried out over the next 18 months, Shaalan said.

Three issues have emerged as the key problems before an accord can be signed — cutting the budget deficit, raising interest rates to stop the flight of money abroad, and introducing a realistic exchange rate.

The IMF wants Egypt eventually to eliminate black market trading and move to a free and flexible exchange rate.

Egypt has resisted making speedy reforms which it fears could provoke popular unrest.

## Zambia devalues currency

LUSAKA, July 1. (Reuters): Zambia has devalued its currency by 37.5 per cent and postponed this year's independence anniversary celebrations as part of a series of measures to tackle economic problems.

Announcing the measures last night, Zambian President Kenneth Kaunda said the value of the kwacha had dropped with immediate effect to 16 to one US dollar from 10.

The kwacha was last devalued in November last year, when its value fell to 10 to the dollar from eight.

Kaunda, in a televised broadcast to the nation, called on Zambians to brace themselves for more hard work during what he called a difficult period facing their country.

He said this year's celebrations of the 25th anniversary of independence would be postponed until 1990. "This will enable us to throw into the battle all that we have," the president said.

Zambia, the former British colony of northern Rhodesia, became independent in October, 1964.

It has experienced worsening economic problems since the late 1970s when prices of copper, its main export, began falling on the world market.

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## KTV 1

- 9.00 Opening and Holy Quran  
 9.15 Good Morning  
 9.30 Cartoons  
 10.15 Daily Arabic serial: Hafat Al Hawiya  
 11.00 News in Brief  
 11.10 Daily Arabic serial: Al Naser Wa Ayoun Al Madinah  
 12.00 News in Brief  
 12.15 That's Incredible  
 1.05 World Today via Satellite  
 1.30 Cartoon serial: Falouma  
 2.15 Daily Arabic serial: Imra'a La Ta'aruf Al Yaas  
 3.00 Religious Encyclopedia  
 3.30 Cartoon serial: Bibi Folk and Calimiro  
 4.00 Arabic serial: Abdul Rahman Al Ghafiqi  
 4.45 Arabic feature film: Ayam Al Tahadi. Starring: Fareed Shawqi, Laila Ulwi  
 6.00 Children's stories  
 7.00 Cultural programme: Space Invasion  
 7.30 Agricultural Magazine  
 8.15 Diwanat Shuara Al Nabat  
 9.00 News in Arabic  
 10.00 Daily Arabic serial: Al Yaqeen  
 10.45 Variety programme with actress Sameera Ahmad  
 12.00 World Today via Satellite, and closedown

## KTV 2

- 6.00 Opening and Holy Quran  
 6.10 Care Bears cartoon  
 6.30 Sea Hunt: Dr Mike is suspicious of a young girl's desire to dive with him.  
 7.00 Architecture at Crossroads: a new

## TELEVISION PROGRAMMES



Laila Ulwi in KTV 1 Arabic film 'Ayam Al Tahadi' at 4.45 pm today.

documentary which examines architecture over the years.  
 8.00 News in English  
 8.40 Macstrom: the story of a girl who inherits a large fortune from a Norwegian and is surprised by the welcome

she receives there.  
 9.30 The Secret World: "Insects". A look at the world of insects and its impact on man's life.  
 10.00 Kate and Allie: this comedy revolves around unmarried

women who share a flat and try to make a go of life. Tonight, Kate meets a gentleman she believes is the right man for her.

10.30 Bestseller: "The Monocled Mutineer".

11.30 News summary; Magazine D'Aoualite; Holy Quran/Closedown.

## NIGHT CHEMIST

Kuwait  
 Ahlam Pharmacy  
 Fahd Al Salem St.  
 Ibn Rusbd Pharmacy  
 Dweil market.  
 Hawali & Nagra  
 Al Khayam Pharmacy  
 Nagra, Beirut St.  
 Salmiya & Rameithiya  
 Al Markaziya Pharmacy  
 Amre Bin Al Aas St.  
 Fahadheel & Almasadi  
 Al Khaleej Pharmacy  
 Fahadheel, Complex Road  
 Jleeb Al Shuyoukh  
 Wahra Pharmacy  
 Souk St.  
 Jahra  
 Al Nour Pharmacy  
 Matafi St.

## CINEMA

Al Andalus  
 The Beast Master  
 Al Salmiya  
 Revenge of the Nerds II  
 Al Hamra  
 Booby Trap  
 Drive-In  
 Arabic film  
 Al Firdous  
 Tera Karam Mera Dharam  
 Fahadheel Open-Air  
 Mahachor  
 Al Fahadheel  
 Mad Mission  
 Al Jahra  
 Nishana  
 Granada  
 Khoun Bhari Maang  
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 Night Eyes  
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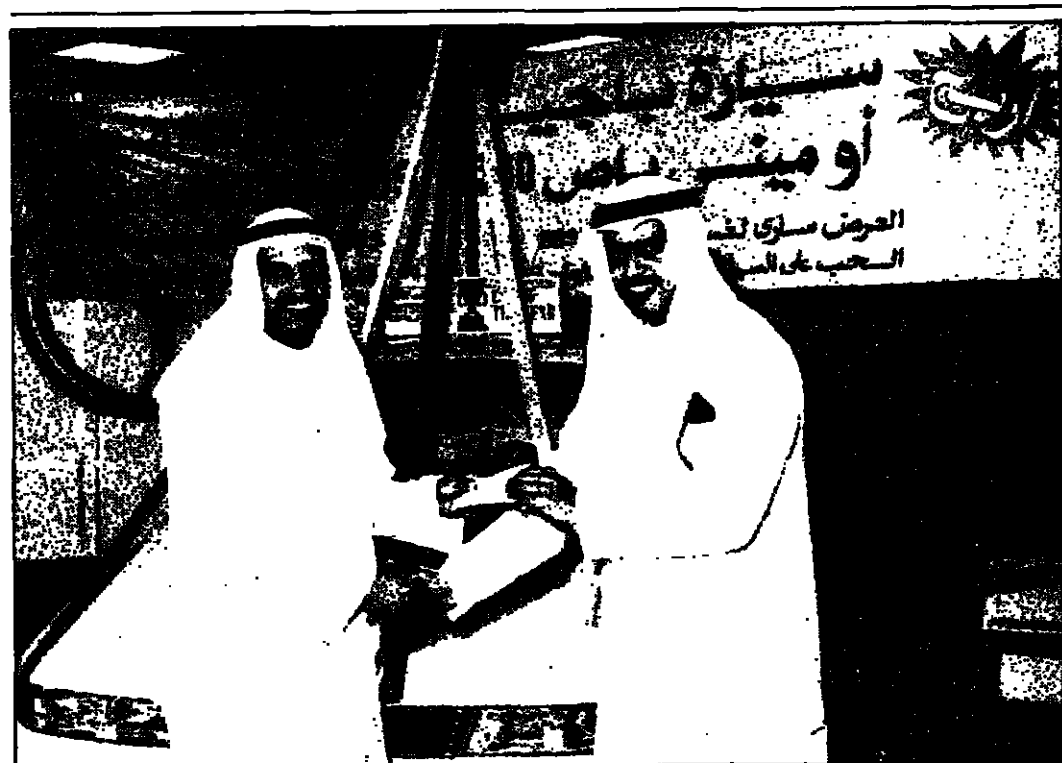
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Zuhr	11.52
Asr	3.26 pm
Maghreb	6.52
Isha	8.23

## BP envoy visits Kuwait

BASIL BUTLER, managing director, British Petroleum Company PLC (BP) visited Kuwait recently for the first time since he left in 1975 when he was general manager. Butler met many of his old colleagues from the past and paid visits to Sheikh Ali Al Khalifa Al Sabah, the oil minister, Sheikh Jaber Al Abdullah Al Sabah, the governor of Kuwait City and Sheikh Ali Sabah Al Salem Al Sabah, the governor of Al Ahmadi.

Butler has been a managing director of the British Petroleum Company PLC since 1986. He is also on the board of BP Minerals International, BP America Inc. and Britoil and has responsibility for Australia, Near East, Middle East and Indian sub-continent, and Health, Safety and Environment.

He was awarded the OBE in the 1976 New Year's Honours List. Picture shows Basil Butler, OBE, managing director and John Grundon, regional co-ordinator, the British Petroleum Co. PLC, receiving the British High Commissioner Peter Hinchcliffe at a reception held at the Kuwait International Hotel.



## Super cash draw

The Al Mulla Super Cash Draw was held at the Sour Street showroom on the evening of June 20. US\$2,500 in cash prizes was won by the lucky draw winners. The first prize US\$35,000 went to Mrs Nifouz Mohammed Mukhlaf. The second prize US\$17,500 went to Mustafa Mohammed Ahmed Mustafa. The prizes were presented by Khalid al Mulla. Picture shows Khalid al Mulla presenting the first prize which was accepted on behalf of Mrs Nifouz Mohammed Mukhlaf.

## BBC monitor service highlights

LONDON, July 1 (KUNA): The work of the BBC's monitoring service was highlighted here today as it approaches its 50th anniversary.

The service has played a key role in breaking some of the world's major news stories over the past half century, said the independent newspaper.

Among recent stories picked-up from monitoring the airwaves was Libyan reaction to the shooting down of two of the aircraft by the US, the Ayatollah Khomeini's death sentence against Salman Rushdie, and the appointment of Mikhail Gorbachev as president of the Soviet Union.

The BBC monitoring service co-operates with its US counterpart, the Foreign Broadcast Information Service, dividing the world between them, with the BBC covering areas including the USSR, Europe and parts of the Middle East.

Information from the service is shared with the British Foreign Office and Ministry of Defence, the cabinet office, BBC News and World Service, and the UK and foreign media by subscription.

With a current UK government grant of £8.5 million, the centre of the operation is a listening room staffed by 130 multi-lingual monitors at Caversham, west of London. Along with a BBC African listening station in Nairobi, the service monitors radio and TV transmissions 24-hour a day, producing a daily 100,000-word summary of world broadcasts.



## Congratulations

Kapilku president Manny Inserto is seen congratulating Don Jayantha Kannangara, general manager of Trico Int'l Ltd. (Philippines Door to Door) for air freighting the Plaques of Appreciation from Manila for the officers and members of PBAK 1988. Don reiterated his support to all Filipino associations in Kuwait. The awarding of the Plaque of Appreciation will be held on Wednesday, July 12 at Holiday Inn Hotel, at 7:30 pm.

## Lily P.J. Diaz



You always gave, you never asked, we shall always cherish the life you have given us. In our hearts you will remain forever.

A loving tribute from husband Peter, children Sunil, Erel & Carol, relatives and friends.

Holy mass will be offered in the Holy Family Cathedral on Monday the 3rd July 1989 at 5:30 pm.

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## WHAT'S ON

## ARTS

**Kuwait Science Museum**  
 OPEN Saturday to Wednesday, 8-9 pm only. Natural history exhibits from in and around Kuwait, including blue whale. Closed on Thursday and Friday.

**Islamic Arts Museum**  
 SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon and 4.00 to 7.00 pm. Collection includes rare Islamic artefacts, Quranic manuscripts, ceramics, carpets and marine equipment. Arabian Gulf St.

**Sadu House**  
 SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon, 4 to 7.00 pm. Exhibits include bedouin handicrafts - rugs, saddle bags, cushions and textiles. Closed on Friday.

**Tareq Rajab Museum**  
 Sat-Thurs: 9-12 noon and 4-7 pm. Also open on Fridays from 9 to 12 noon.

## SOCIAL

**"Hotter Than July"**  
 July 7 (Friday): A pop, rock, country and reggae music festival to be held at the Messiah Beach Hotel Ballroom from 7 to 10 pm. The groups to be featured are Top Ranks, Earthquake, Zambezi, Manila Boys, Louie Villeveau, Daniel Sisters and special guest appearance by Steve Michael. Tickets priced at KD5/- are available at: Messiah Beach Hotel - Tel. 5624111 Ext. 721/729; Art Corner, Nagra: 2665068/2659820; Swan Lake Recording, Salmiya: 5721030; No. 1 Records, Sultan Center - 5719620 Ext 46.

Special offer for office and home delivery of tickets please call 2669963, 3928504 and 5639689.

Musical instruments will be given as gifts on entrance tickets

## Red and Black nite

JULY 11: The Weekend Club will host the Red & Black Nite at the Sheikh Ballroom of the Regency Palace with Top Ranks, Perfect Strangers and Stepping Stones in attendance. Dress is informal but red and black combinations. Highlights include selection of the Red and Black Couple, most original costume and a live contest. Gala buffet dinner is included. For reservations contact Hilary: 5741380 Julio: 5734513 and Mercedes: 4890566.

**D'Assisi Social Evening**  
 AUG 1: D'Assisi Association will hold their social evening at the Messiah Beach Hotel. The highlights of the evening will be the crowning of D'Assisi Queen. Top Ranks and Stepping Stones will provide the music. For more information contact Joe Jack Ferns on 5644178, Henry 3717346 or contact A.M. Fine Armst. Shop No. 34, Al Karnek Super Market, near GPO, Kuwait.

## United Goans

AUG 3: Summerbelle '89 is about to happen. United Goans Centre present "Top Ranks and Stepping Stones" in a music saturated evening at the Tent SAS Hotel. Crowning of Summerbelle, various competitions, etc. to keep you on your toes. For details contact: Moses 2454266, Joe 5655140 Anicet 2439249 after 6 pm.

## Tivim Centre

OCT. 26: Tivim Centre's Breeze 89 is going to hit the floors of Ramada Al Salam Hotel New Ballroom at a social evening organised in commemoration of village festival. Top Rank and Stepping Stones will provide scintillating music. Lot of surprises await. For further information contact the organisers.

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## HOTELS

**At the Messiah Beach**  
 AL MUBARAKIAH, the only 24 hour restaurant in Kuwait, offers a full spectrum of local and Continental specialties with daily buffet for breakfast, lunch and dinner plus A La Carte menu.

At Jawharah Super Night Club, live entertainment by the resident "Rainbow" band with extensive A La Carte menu on Wednesdays and special buffet on Thursdays.

At Berdown beach garden restaurant open daily Sunday to Friday offering a variety of succulent charcoal grills, Lebanese Mezza, freshly baked Markouk bread and bubble bubble.

## At the SAS

WELCOME on board Al Boom. Dine on our delicious mezzah buffet followed by your favourite speciality from our wide selection of fine charcoal grills and finish off with della coffee or have a puff from the bubble bubble pipe. Dinner daily and lunch every Thursday and Friday. For reservation, call 5657000 ext 403 or 540.

## At the Ramada Hotel

EL BENDAR coffee shop at the Ramada Hotel offers continental and Arabic buffets daily for breakfast, lunch and dinner from 6 am to 12 mid night daily, a la carte also available. A selection of home baked cakes, gateaux and tarts made to order.

Marina take away counter offering a selection of Arabic sandwiches and snacks open from 4 pm till 11 pm daily.

Ramada Al-Salam lobby lounge open 10 am to 11 pm on Sundays offering a selection of coffee, tea and juice, cakes and pastries available.



Actors of The Monocled Mutineer on KTV2 Bestseller at 10.30 pm today.



## FILIPINO DIGEST

## SNIPPETS

AN UNIDENTIFIED woman believed to have been raped was found dead with stab wounds in the stomach at the back of the America Cemetery in Fort Bonifacio, Makati last week.

Navyman Teofilo Aquino told Pte. Leonardo Timtiman that he was walking to a creek to wash clothes when he saw the woman.

The woman's pink pants had been pulled down.

The woman was about 20 to 25 years old, five-foot-three, slim, fair-complexioned with shoulder length hair and in black leather shoes. She was brought to the Veronica Funeral Homes in Pasay City.

A PASAY CITY councillor was recently arrested and detained at the Pasay jail allegedly because of an estafa case filed by a trader but was temporarily set free posting a bail of P4,000.

Councillor Francisco Ignacio, of 156 Valhalla St., Pasay City, was accused of estafa by Lope Juban Jr., of 701 Pagaspas St., New Alabang Village, New Alabang, Muntinlupa after issuing four bouncing cheques as payments for Juban's 1987 model Mitsubishi Pajero with plate number PJH 208 which was worth P200,000.

Ignacio paid Juban four Bank of Philippine Islands cheques at P15,000 each on Aug 4, 1988.

Ignacio was arrested last May 24 on orders of Judge Socorro Liwanag of Makati Regional Trial Court.

Ignacio's arrest was carried out by Lt Arturo Leonardo of the Pasay City warrant section.

A MAKATI policeman was shot and wounded by a suspected gambling joint maintainer after a heated argument over a waitress in a restaurant in Makati.

Pat. Manuel Umali, 42, of 9941 Baranga St., Makati, detailed at the mobile section of the police headquarters, was rushed to the Makati Medical Centre with gunshot wounds in the arm and leg.

Nilda Palada, 19, a stay-in waitress of Sanitary restaurant at 824 J. P. Rizal St., Barangay Poblacion, identified the suspect as Jun Chua, 45, who escaped after the shooting.

Investigator Cpl. Nestor Valenzuela said that Umali and Chua allegedly had a fist fight in the restaurant at 5:40 am. Chua was angered when Umali asked to take out for a date a certain Sally Ardelia, 27, who happens to be Chua's friend.

During the fist fight, Umali was felled by Chua, the waitress said. Chua grabbed Umali's 38 revolver and fired at Umali three times.

LUBCAN, Quezon: This agricultural town on the slopes of Mt. Lubang will soon become a major supplier of yellow passion fruit, a major ingredient in the manufacture of soft drinks.

Next month, the Lubcan Federation of Farmers Associations, Land Bank of the Philippines, San Miguel Corp. and the Management Association of the Philippines will enter into an agreement for the massive production of passion fruit in this town.

Provincial agriculturist Maximino Tolentino said there are 20 hectares of land in this town planted to passion fruit.

TUGUEGARAO, Cagayan: A father gave up his life to save his family in a heart-breaking drama at Barangay Taytay, Baguio, this province.

The armed men first ordered the victim, one Bonifacio Fronda Yuanang, 51, to get out of his house or they will set the house and his family on fire.

The victims family refused to let him go.

When the armed men started to break their glass window, he freed himself from the grip of his loved ones then walked out of the house.

As Fronda stepped outside, the armed men believed to be members of the New People's Army (NPA) pumped bullets on his face and body.

Before the rebels left the scene, they said Fronda had to be eliminated because he was a civilian informer of the 120th PC Co based at the said barangay.

A SISTER-in-law of Valenzuela Mayor Santi de Guzman was stabbed and seriously wounded by her houseboy.

Carmelita Salvador de Guzman, 40, of 3009 Gen. T. de Leon, Karubatan, Valenzuela was at the intensive care unit of the Fatima Hospital. She suffered four stab wounds in the chest, stomach, right thigh and right hand.

Houseboy Ali Volante, 29, of Pateros, Manila is now being hunted by the Valenzuela police.

Police said Volante arrived at his employer's house at about 1:30 a.m. bringing his lover.

Awakened by Volante's arrival, Carmelita scolded him but the houseboy grabbed a kitchen knife and stabbed several times his employer in front of his unidentified lover.

FIVE MEN were arrested by policemen on suspicion that they were members of a gang who robbed a trader in Muntinlupa.

Arnel Joaquin, 21, Ferdinand Vizcarra, 22, Richard Joseph, 12, Eddie Sacdalan, 19, and Edgardo Umiguitis, 19, all of Purok 3, Bayanan, Muntinlupa were arrested by Sgt. Edgardo Rianzares, Muntinlupa Police sub-station 2 commander, with the help of barangay tanod David Biba at about 4 p.m. shortly after Zaldy Madrid, 29, was robbed by unidentified men of P80,000 worth of cash and jewellery.

La Madrid positively identified the five as the men who robbed him. Police recovered La Madrid's money and jewellery from the suspects who were detained at the Muntinlupa police headquarters.

THREE-hundred Kalookan City jail inmates went on hunger strike in protest against the relief of the warden and two other officers.

The inmates received their breakfast and lunch rations but left them untouched in the jail plaza with a placard saying: "Hindi kami kakain hanggang hindi ibabalik ang aming warden."

Warden Capt. Aurelio Santos and Corporals Renato Castro and Arnel Dimalanta were relieved from their posts yesterday by Kalookan police chief Col Angel Quizon over alleged irregularities in the jail.

"Maganda ang palakad ni Santos. Nawala ang riot dito, pati ang paghahanap ng mga preso. Pagkatapos ay tatanggalin pa nila," robbery with homicide suspect Robinson Ycasas said.

The prisoners said although Quizon promised them that Santos will be reinstated if the warden is cleared of participation in the irregularities, the hunger strike will continue until the captain is back.

TWO pregnant pickpockets were arrested in Sta. Cruz, Manila after they took P36 from the bag of a college student.

Nine-month pregnant Marigold Batino, 17, of 28 Langka St., Cupang, Marikina and six-month pregnant Myra dela Cruz, 19, of 1901 Zamora St., Pandacan were caught by Pat. Marlene Gonzalo and Pat. William Ronquillo near the Manila city jail.

Batino and dela Cruz retrieved the money under a pail of water inside the Valencia restaurant near the city jail, where their husbands were detained for robbery.

A MAN who had allegedly killed a store owner in Cubao, Quezon City two days ago surrendered to the police.

Ruperto Sorroero, of 149 Ermita, Genia St., Cubao, was positively identified by witnesses to the killing of Bricio Gafud.

## Juico accused of negligence

By Gerry Lirio

THE National Bureau of Investigation this week filed criminal charges against two undersecretaries and 16 others, mostly officials of the Department of Agrarian Reform, for overpricing the Garchitorena estate.

In a 24-page report to the ombudsman, the NBI also recommended the filing of administrative charges against Agrarian Reform Secretary Philip Ella Juico and 13 DAR officials and employers for various violations of the Civil Service Code, ranging from dishonesty to gross negligence.

NBI Director J. Antonio Carpio told reporters the DAR officials and private businessmen were accused of "frustrated estafa through falsification of official documents."

However, Carpio refused to give the names of the officials and businessmen facing criminal charges, saying: "It is only (Ombudsman Conrado) Vasquez, if he deems it warranted by public interest, who may reveal the details of the report."



"Some of those charged criminally and administratively were high-ranking officials others were not," he added.

But sources at the Office of the Ombudsman said among those charged with estafa were Undersecretaries Salvador Pejo and Jose Medina, and Alex Lina, president of Sharp International Marketing Phils.

The same sources said the NBI recommended that Juico be charged administratively for gross negligence.

The filing of charges came after several weeks of NBI investigations of the aborted sale of the 1,888-hectare estate located in a rebel-infested area in Garchitorena, Camarines Sur.

Sharp acquired the property for P3.8 million last year. And the DAR later agreed to buy it for P62.7 million. The deal was aborted when the Land Bank of the Philippines refused to honour an order of payment approved by Juico.

Testifying before the presidential fact-finding committee looking into the transaction, Juico last Thursday admitted that there was a conspiracy to defraud the government hatched by DAR officials and private individuals. But he disclaimed any res-

ponsibility for the deal saying he relied on his subordinates to look closely into it.

Pejo, who is DAR chief of legal affairs, has earlier said he had issued clearances for the registration of the Garchitorena estate and other lands offered for sale to DAR despite a ban on the transfer of titles imposed by the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Law.

Carpio said copies of the NBI report had been sent to President Aquino.

Juico, Pejo, Medina and 18 other DAR officials and employees went on leave when four government bodies started separate investigations into the scandal. The other officials were Silvestre Gabot, director of the Land Acquisition and Development Centre, assistant director Gloria Fabia lawyer Nemesio Amihan, Heracleo Roque, Miranda de Guzman, Maximo Dimapilis, Juvenal Raguini, DAR Region V director Jose Llamas, Rigoberto Castro, Ricardo Tilo, Horencio Manuel, Evelyn Maningo, Elgin Danganan, Concepcion Marinas, Milagros Dirvan, Wilfredo Dilao, Elmer Paris and Vicente Azana.

## My fatal mistake

By Susan Hahn

"THE one terrible thing that I did was making Mrs. Aquino president of the Philippines," Sen. Juan Ponce Enrile lamented.

Reacting to accusation of the administration that members of the opposition have committed a lot of mistakes and sins, Enrile countered:

"Sila and maraming kasalanan sa bansa. OK, ang let's join the issue."

Enrile said everything is being done to bury "sa malalim na libingan" scandals that have been plaguing the administration, like the Garchitorena land scam and the Hacienda Luisita stock dispersal scheme.

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## Nursing schools urged

MEDICAL and nursing schools and review centers nationwide should further upgrade their curriculums and other training systems to boost the competitiveness of Filipino medical professionals in the international job market.

This appeal was made by Wilfredo C. Rodriguez, President of Philippine Hospitals and Health Services, Inc. (PHHS) as he noted a 30 per cent drop of Filipino passers in the latest US-administered CGFNS exams during the concluding ceremonies of the POEA-sanctioned nurses job expo in Baguio on Tuesday.

Rodriguez said that while Filipino educators who operate medical nursing schools "have been performing their patriotic tasks of providing much needed medical education to the Filipino youths, may we appeal to them to go the extra mile so that Filipino professionals would become more competitive in the international job market notably in the US where there's an acute need for foreign medical personnel."

As the Philippines "hopes to gain momentum in its economic recovery efforts, all sectors of our society should now join hands to achieve the Filipino quest for a better economic and social life before the turn of the century," added Ambrosio Collado, PHHS chairman.

The overseas employment industry, like PHHS has since 1977 been increasing its contribution to the country's employment and foreign exchange requirements, Collado noted.

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## Prices increase

PRICES of most food items have increased recently and prices of petroleum products are expected to go higher by an average of P1 per litre.

The price of rice is expected to go up further by about 60 centavos per kilo or some P30 per can if cost of services continues to increase as a result of the recently approved wage increases, the Confederation of Filipino Rice and Corn Traders (CONFED) said yesterday.

A survey conducted by the Trade Union Congress of the Philippines after the recent adjustment of wages has shown that 25 out of 40 basic food items, such as rice, canned milk, sugar, cooking oil and eggs, have increased by as much as 20 per cent.

Meanwhile, two of the country's three oil firms, Shell Petroleum Corp. and Caltex Philippines, filed a petition with the Energy Regulatory Board (ERB) this week for increases in prices of petroleum products.

Shell sought an average increase of P0.9856 per litre in its products while Caltex intended to impose an average increase of P1.2576 per litre.

The state-owned Petron Corp. has not yet filed its petition.

The ERB has set hearings for July 4 and 6 on the Caltex petition.

Both firms based their petitions on the increases in crude oil costs in the world market.

Caltex said their average crude cost for March to April was \$17.26 per barrel, a figure 53 per cent above the average \$11.2859 per barrel crude cost in November 1988.

Shell's petition is based on an average crude cost of \$17.0353 per barrel for March to April.

Increases in other operational costs have also reportedly prompted the oil firms to seek the price adjustments.

As to the price of rice, CONFED president Joaquin Go Soliman said "we might be forced to add cost just like Meralco because of increases in transportation cost from farmers to millers, millers to traders and to Manila."

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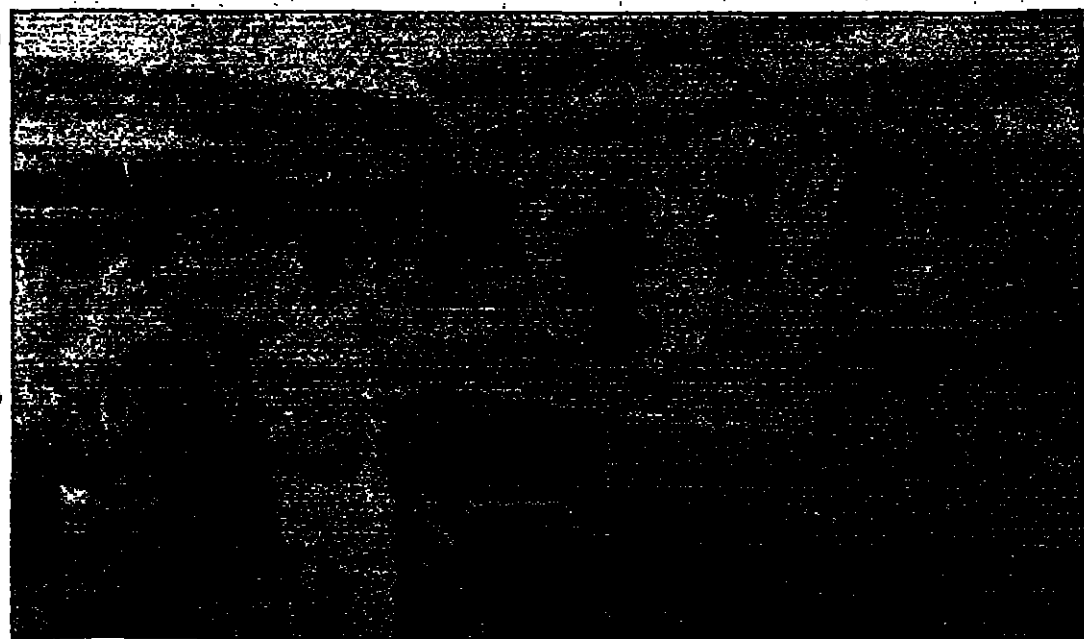
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## Juan Frivaldo is an alien

By Lindabue F. Romero

THE Supreme Court ruled this week that Sorosong Gov Juan G. Frivaldo was not a Filipino citizen and disqualified him from holding public office.





Navy day

President Aquino stands with Navy officers on board one of the ships.

## Probers search for Plm

Committee extends hearing

THE presidential investigating committee looking into the Garchitorena land scandal will summon a ranking official of the United Coconut Planters Bank to explain some "loose ends" in the inquiry, including the whereabouts of a P1 million check used to pay for the estate.

The committee headed by retired Justice Jose Fria scheduled an additional hearing on Tuesday and has summoned UCPB senior vice-president Angelo Manahan. Manahan was summoned last week, but aides said he was out of town.

A source close to the investigation who asked not to be identified said that the committee had decided to extend its hearings after it discovered that more people could be involved in the aborted scam.

According to the source, the involvement of people outside of Department of Agrarian Reform and Land Bank became a concern for the committee when it learned — after going through a complicated list of financial transactions — that a check worth P1 million used to purchase the Garchitorena property is missing.

The missing money came from the account of former Manila International Airport Manager Romeo Santos, who claimed to have lent it to Alex Lina, president of the firm behind the anomalous transaction, Sharp International Marketing.

"We want to know where it went, to whose (personal or corporate bank) account," the source said.

Fria confirmed yesterday that the committee was about to sit down and draft a report containing

its findings and recommendations, which he had promised to submit to President Aquino this month.

"The problem is there are a few details we still have to thrust out," he told reporters without elaborating.

Aquino formed the committee to pinpoint responsibility for the P59 million overprice of the 1,889-hectare Garchitorena estate in Camarines Sur. A private firm, Sharp International Marketing, bought the lot for P3.8 million from UCPB and almost sold it for P62.7 million under the government's Agrarian Reform Programme.

Under investigation are 22 suspended officials of the DAR, including Secretary Philip Juico.

Executives and employees of UCPB, Land Bank and Metrobank and local government officials from Bicol allegedly involved in the transaction were also summoned by the Fria committee.

In a testimony before the committee last week, Santos claimed that Lina borrowed P3 million in cashiers' checks from him and requested that the amount be deposited in the name of UCPB.

As proof, Santos sent to the committee yesterday a photocopy of the alleged promissory note, wherein Lina promised to return the amount in three months, with 18-percent interest.

Santos denied allegations he was the principal behind the Sharp acquisition, and said he agreed to the loan only because Lina was "a childhood friend" and a campaign supporter from whom he borrowed much money during his losing bid of the kalookan City congressional seat in 1987.

## Workers in need of help

TOKYO: The miserable condition of many Filipinos in Japan is straining Philippine-Japan relations.

The Japanese are developing "resentment" for Filipinos although the latter are the victims of ill treatment, Minister Morihisa Aoki, consul-general of the Japanese embassy in Manila, said in an interview.

It is unfortunate but the resentment is aimed not at the unscrupulous Japanese employers but at the exploited Filipinos because they chose to go to Japan under false documents, Aoki said.

On the other hand, the tragedies of Filipinos in Japan rekindle the ill feelings of Japanese towards the Japanese remembering the cruelty and killings by the Japanese during the World War II, according to a Filipino social worker here.

Recent reports also have created a stereotype that Japanese are ruthless employers, wife beaters, and sex-starved tourists.

"We hope to improve our mutual images and provide grounds to build lasting and friendly co-operation. We hope to have more Filipino women who are happily married to their husbands, more students and more skilled workers coming to Japan," Aoki said.

"The conditions and plight of the illegal workers are not helping to promote respect of the Japanese for the Filipino people," he added.

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The embassy cannot extend protection to these women unless they give the authorities their true identities and their employers' names but they usually refuse for fear of being deported.



## Manila market fruit polluted

TONS of apples and grapes contaminated with infectious plant diseases have been spirited out of the South Harbour and are now being sold in major markets in Manila, documents obtained from customs sources revealed.

A report submitted by intelligence agents to customs Commissioner Salvador Mison said the fruits came from Hong Kong, Singapore and Chile in 4,815 boxes loaded in two 40-foot container vans.

It said the fruit cargo is believed to be infected with exotic fruitflies and a plant disease known as South American Leaf Blight, which could wipe out thousands of hectares of fruit and rubber trees here.

"If this pest is to enter Mindanao, in no time, our rubber industry will be threatened with destruction," a letter sent by the

Bureau of Plant Industry to customs said.

A summary of the report submitted to Mison last June 20 said the BPI has never issued any permit allowing the importation of fruits from Hong Kong, Singapore and Chile.

The report said the 4,815 boxes of apples and grapes which were imported by Eastern Taipan Business Group Inc., had no importation permit, either.

Investigations revealed that some of the fruits, stamped with American brand names, were declared to have come from China but actually originated from Chile.

It said that a Mark Alvarez of the BPI asked intelligence agents to hold the fruit shipment and that "they are wondering why it was taken out of the port despite their request."

## From the provinces

MANILA: About 20 officers and members of the Public Information Officers Council of the Department of Transportation and Communications (DOTC), in co-ordination with the Philippine Human Resource Development Centre (PHRDC), received their certificates this week after attending a three-day seminar on effective print communications and media relations at the PHRDC National Centre bldg., University of Life complex, Pasig.

Juvinal F. Agravante, assistant secretary for administration and legal affairs and chairman of the DOTC-HRD scholarship committee, organized the seminar on behalf of Transportation Secretary Rainerio Reyes.

MANILA: A working youth centre for working street children in Ermita was inaugurated on Thursday, June 15, at the Manila Red Cross chapter building at the corner of Victoria and Gen. Luna streets in Intramuros.

Sponsors of the project are Col. Romeo Maganto, Mrs. Rosario Rojas Villar, Mrs. Meysa G. Velez, Mrs. Lucia C. Alday and Mr. Rolando R. Robles.

The project is aimed at developing in the youths "basic moral, social, and cultural values." The street children will be taught to attain self-respect and social awareness.

The Panitig ng Kababaihan will teach the children poetry writing, poetry reading, story writing, and slogan making.

KALOOKAN CITY: The re-organizational meeting of the Association of Barangay Councils here this week has caused confusion among the members who are all barangay captains.

Some members described it as "illegal and in violation of the guidelines" issued by the Department of Local Government (DLG).

Most of the newly elected barangay officials said that the re-organizational meeting was called hastily. They suspected that some people are trying to do some maneuvers in connection with the ABC elections.

Councilor Pablo Casimira, sectoral representative of the barangays to the city council, said that the scheduled election meeting of the ABC is technically legal provided the guidelines issued by the DLG are followed.

He said that the city treasurer, the local election registrar, and the city development officer should witness the election proceedings and proclaim the winners.

The ABC is mandated to elect 11 of its members to the board of directors. Immediately upon the election of the 11 directors, they immediately elect among themselves their president and other officers. The elected president automatically becomes the barangay's representative to the city council.

ERMITA: A 56-year-old prosecutor was stabbed and seriously wounded while he was about to report for work in Ermita.

Det. Danilo Ongtengco, investigator of the Western Police District (WPD) homicide section, identified the victim as Prosecutor Jose Parentela, special prober of the Office of the Special Prosecutor (formerly Tanod-bayan), of Alvarez St., Project 6, Quezon City.

He was stabbed four times in the chest and one in the back with an icepick. He was taken to the Philippine General Hospital (PGH) by his colleagues.

Police said that Parentela was about to enter the old Congress building where he works when suddenly, a man attacked him with an icepick. The motive was not known at press time.

MAKATI: A 22-year-old student was shot and seriously wounded by a policeman tagged a "shabu" (poor man's cocaine) pusher in Makati.

Pfc. Romeo Ubana, officer-on-call, identified the victim as Arnaldo Vera of 2111 Primo Rivera St., Tejeros, Makati. He suffered a bullet wound in the right chest and was taken to the Philippine General Hospital.

Reports added that a 45-caliber bullet was embedded in Vera's throat.

Ubana said that the victim was approached by a member of the Jala-jala police on Varona St. at 6 pm Wednesday.

Police added that the policeman accused Vera of being a police informer. They added that the lawman had been under surveillance because of suspicions he is a "shabu" dealer.

The lawman was arrested by Makati policemen after the shooting.

MANILA: The Port of Manila exceeded its target collection last May by 21 per cent.

This was announced yesterday by Manila Port Collector Titus Villanueva who said that his office collected a total of P1,434 billion last April, a 21 per cent increase over the target collection of P1,33 billion.

Villanueva added that the May cash collection performance of the Port of Manila increased by 45 per cent, compared to the collection performance for a similar period in 1988 which was only P1,117,941,931.45. However, the last May's cash collection was P1,625,279,259.61.

CAMP AQUINO, Tarlac: About 102 suspected "chop-chop" vehicles valued at P40 million were seized by the Constabulary Highway Patrol Group (CHPG) in Central Luzon.

Maj. Errol Pan, Central Luzon CHPG chief, said, the Isuzu delivery trucks and vans were apprehended by his operatives in Bataan, Tarlac, and Bulacan. The vehicles were impounded at the CHPG headquarters in Camp Olivas, Pampanga, Pan added.

Owners of the vehicles, Pan said, owe the government about P3.6 million in customs duties and taxes. At least 22 of the vehicles were released after the owners paid P20,000 in customs duties and P10,000 taxes, Pan added.

The campaign against "chop-chop" vehicles will also be launched in other Central Luzon provinces, such as Nueva Ecija, Zambales and Pampanga.

MAKATI, Metro Manila: Makati Mayor Jejomar C. Binay criticized yesterday the Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System (MWSS) for its alleged failure to monitor contractors who abandon excavations and diggings that caused inconvenience and hazard to motorists and pedestrians in Metro Manila.

Binay, in a letter to MWSS Administrator Luis Sison who had earlier asked the mayor to implement measures for speedy processing of clearance or permits for excavation and rehabilitation projects said that "we have been somewhat 'short-changed' by the failure of your contractors to restore excavated roads back to their original condition even after completion of work."

Binay cited as example the MWSS project in Olympic village which was abandoned by an MWSS.

"The contractor has not placed any device to warn the public of the open excavation," Binay said in the letter.

"I believe that the MWSS should also direct its contractors to ensure the success of their projects," Binay added.

LEGASPI CITY: Seven persons, most of them children, died in a fire which razed last Tuesday the commercial and residential areas of Aroroy town in the island province of Masbate.

Reports reaching Camp Bagong Ibalon here identified the victims as Norma Repaso, 16, Nora Repaso, Beverly Escalera, 14, and Ryan, 10, Jogo, 3, Iris, 8, and Ayet, 6, all surnamed Chan.

The reports said the fire started at about 1:45 am and immediately spread to the commercial and residential areas in the poblacion.

The reports also said that the fire started at the residence of the Chans, trapping the victims in their rooms where they were sleeping.

Nilo Chan, the father of the four children, was with his wife in Lucena City when the incident happened.

ILOCOS SUR: DR Emmanuel James R. Mabanag, a young doctor, was shot dead by a PC soldier inside the Sta. Maria Rural Health Clinic in Sta. Maria, Ilocos Sur June 14.

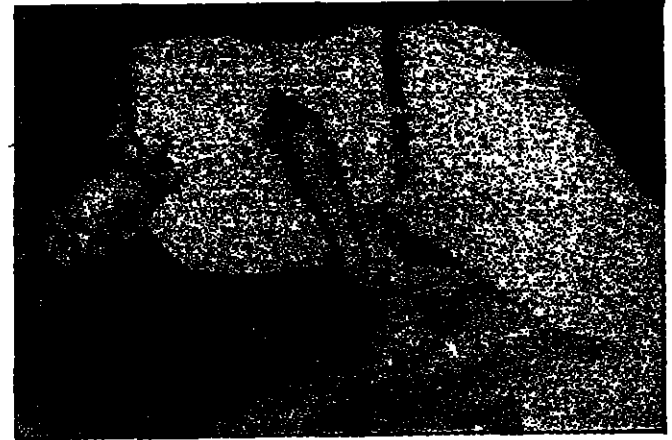
The assailant was identified as CIC Jose L. Caldellero, assigned at the Dental Service Unit, RECOM 1, Camp Bado, Dangwa, La Trinidad, Bengut. He is now detained at the Narvacan PC camp in Ilocos Sur.

Dr. Primitivo D. Chua, speaker pro tempore of the Philippine Medical Association who was in Ilocos Sur on a business trip immediately proceeded to the scene of the crime and made an independent investigation for the PMA.

ANGELES CITY: Mayor Antonio Abad Santos reported that an ordinance regulating the sale of high-potency drugs has been passed by the city council in an effort to minimize drug addiction among the youths.

Abad Santos hailed Councilor Carlito M. Gonzon's sponsorship of the new measure which he described as "timely and necessary" at this time when many youngsters become victims of drug addiction.

The ordinance classified at least 21 high-potency drugs sold mostly in drugstores without of doctor's prescriptions. These include valium,



Mabanag in a pool of blood inside his clinic.

dormicin, robitussin, ativan, and various brands of cough syrups.

Earlier, residents and leaders of various groups here appealed to the Lazzini family who owns the Timog Park subdivision, where a newly built drug rehabilitation centre, is located to let the government continue the use of the centre.

The residents also urged the Lazzini family for humanitarian reasons to withdraw its demand to the government to return the property to the owner, saying that the conditions stipulated in the deed of donation were violated.

For want of a site for the drug rehabilitation centre building which was funded by the Philippine Amusement and Games Corp. (Pagcor), the city government decided to use a portion of the sports complex as site of the centre.

CALAPAN, Oriental Mindoro: A recent encounter here between government soldiers and communist guerrilla which left one rebel dead and two others wounded was sweet revenge for a constabulary sergeant.

"Nakabawi rin tayo," T/ Sgt. Ledasto Magnayon, team leader of the joint PC-CAGU team that assaulted the five-man expansion team of the rebels in San Cristobal, Victoria town, said while retrieving M-14 rifle and a Springfield rifle, a shotgun and rounds of ammunition left by the retreating rebels.

Witnesses told the soldiers that two rebels were badly wounded and had no chance of surviving. Blood literally covered the rebels' escape route.

Last January, it was Magnayon's blood which was spilled on the trail.

The 45-year-old sergeant was checking on the reported presence of armed men in sitio Paraiso, Barangay Leido, less than a kilometer from the June 11 firefight, when bullets rained on his team.

Magnayon was hit in the legs. Magnayon urged his men to fire back and fight to the finish.

After more than 15 minutes, the rebels retreated. Magnayon spent several weeks at the AFP Medical Center in Quezon City for his wound.

When he returned last March, Gov. Benjamin I. Espiritu gave him and his men plaques of appreciation.

## Romero explains decision

By Beth Pango

JOSE Romero, outgoing chairman of the Philippine Coconut Authority, denied his resignation which takes effect on June 30 was prompted by his involvement in the so-called "buko scandal."

Fritz Gemperle takes over Romero's post effective July 1.

In a press statement, Romero said his resignation came after lengthy discussions with President Aquino and Agriculture Secretary Carlos Dominguez.

Romero and PCA Administrator Leandro Garcia were implicated in an irregularity concerning the export of fresh coconuts to Taiwan. Quotas were allegedly given to favored groups who bought fresh coconuts from farmers at cheap prices and exported their produce to Taiwan at high prices.

Both Romero and Garcia were the subject of a top-level investigation ordered by Aquino. Dominguez headed the investigation committee.

In his press statement, Romero said he was not implicated in the irregularity.

In giving up the PCA chairmanship, Romero said he plans to concentrate on his new job as head of the Fats and Oils group of the Food and Agricultural Organisation of the United Nations.

Romero said he has been retained as member of the PCA board, the highest governing body of the agency.

## PAL fares rise

PHILIPPINE Airlines will have to raise its domestic fares again to make the national flag carrier a viable enterprise, according to airline president Dante Santos.

During the last fiscal year ending March 31, 1989, PAL's net income from domestic operations was only P24.1 million corresponding to 0.88 per cent of net revenues of P2.76 billion compared to nearly P130 million on net revenues of P2.3 billion in the previous fiscal year.

The airline reported net profits of P302 million during the last fiscal year because of its international operations which turned in a net income of P270 million.

"This drop in domestic earnings highlights the urgent need to adjust our fares to realistic levels as we pursue the modernisation of our domestic fleet to assure our customers of the best possible service as well as upgrade our standards according to the inviolable imperatives of safety," Santos said in a report to President Aquino.

PAL's domestic fares are at levels which do not account for the domestic fuel tax which thus far has cost the airline an average of approximately P500 million a year, he added.

Santos noted that if the payments for domestic fuel tax are booked, domestic services would show huge losses annually.

At the same time, the airline president also reported that PAL is being assessed P1.5 billion in back taxes by the BIR. The assessment however, is being contested because, according to Santos, PAL's franchise provides that it should pay only the franchise fee or corporate income tax whichever is applicable in lieu of all other taxes, duties, fees and levies.

In addition to problems on the home front, the airline has to face a crippling debt service which stands at about P1 billion annually.

PAL is estimated to have total debts of more than P1.1 billion. The airline's performance in the last fiscal year was hailed by Aquino who said it would have "a salutary effect on the government's efforts to privatise ownership of the airline."

For six years up to 1986, PAL accumulated losses of about P6 billion.

In August, Santos said PAL will take delivery of the first two of 10 new Boeing 737 aircraft which will replace the ageing and noisy BAC One Elevens on key domestic routes.

## Parents seek help

Young genius' education in question

By Carmelita Fernandez

PARENTS of Shaira Ana Teresiana Luna, a two-year-old child prodigy, believed to be the country's youngest genius, sought the help yesterday of Education Secretary Lourdes Quisumbing on where she can go to school.

Gifted with a very high intelligence quotient (IQ), Shaira, a resident of Malate and only daughter of Bong Luna and his wife Jenny, can recite the names of various world leaders and identify parts of the human body and musical instruments just like that.

The Malate girl is sitting in with Grade VI pupils of the Philippine Christian University on Taft Ave., Malate.

Pilar Abordo, general education special classes supervisor of the Department of Education, Culture, and Sports-National Capital Region, said Shaira began to speak fluently at the age of only six months, reads and writes the alphabet when she was one.

Her special interests are anatomy, biology, botany, astronomy, and other fields of science and music, Abordo said.

Shaira can recite 41 nursery rhymes nonstop, she added.

At first, the Lunas were nervous about their daughter because she is the very fast learner, Abordo said.



Shaira Luna

Shaira's mother, a 24-year-old dentistry graduate of Centro Escolar University, said her girl wakes up very early in the morning to study astronomy, anatomy, and sociology.

## Lodging houses closed

TEN boarding houses and dormitories in the university belt were padlocked for violations of the building code on orders of Manila Mayor Geniliano Lopez Jr.

The closure of the substandard establishment was part of a drive ordered by Lopez to protect students who rent rooms and stay-in dormitories.

Asst City Treasurer Vic Endriga, who led a composite inspection team, said the overcrowded facilities lacked fire escape ladders and adequate water supply.

"It is certainly most unkind to expose students from the provinces to the hazards of the substandard facilities of these boarding houses," Lopez said.

Lopez gave owners of the padlocked establishments time to correct the deficiencies. Imnas Martinez

## Garrucho gets tourism job

MANILA: The Commission on Appointments (CA) confirmed yesterday the nomination of Peter D. Garrucho as secretary of the Department of Tourism.

The 25-man constitutional body also confirmed the appointment of six career ambassadors.

Following a citation of a constitutional provision by CA Chairman and Senate President Jovito R. Salonga that no Cabinet member must have jobs other than the Cabinet position, Garrucho promised to relinquish formally his private business interests just before being sworn in by President Aquino as the successor of Jose Antonio Gonzalez.



Zany rocker Cyndi Lauper, now 36, changes her tune

# I just wanna have kids

Cyndi will hire a nanny before her first child is born and introduce her to the baby the minute it puts in an appearance. She says: "I'll say, 'This is Mommy and this is Nanny and, when Mommy gets tired, you play with Nanny.'"

By Judy Byrne

ZANY CYNDI LAUPER, the talented rocker who made the big time with her huge hit *Girls Just Wanna Have Fun*, has changed her tune.

This particular girl now wants to have babies, preferably three in quick succession.

And she has it all worked out. "I've been so busy for so long, there has never been time," she says. "But I have such a lot to give, so much to teach a little one. Maybe after my next tour..."

She doesn't admit it, because she hates to be asked her age ("What am I, a car?") but the biological time clock is giving some urgency to the matter.

For a biography put out by a record company years ago reveals that she is 36.

"If I go ahead it will be 'boom, boom, boom' one after another," she says and adds that she will hire the nanny before the first birth and introduce her to the baby the minute it puts in an appearance.

She says: "I'll say, 'This is Mommy and this is Nanny and, when Mommy gets tired, you play with Nanny.'"

Not that she intends to be a distant mother. She dreams of taking her offspring everywhere with her. "I can't wait to share my life with them, to teach them everything I know," she says. "Their education will be from travelling and museums."

Cyndi, veteran of every colour clash in the rainbow and a few she invented herself, frequenter of *Worst Dressed Women* lists and voted the girl most hairdressers would like to take their scissors to, daydreams of "putting vegetable dye in their hair and dressing them up crazy."

And she smiles at the prospect that they, in turn, will rebel, hate her land "march straight round to Laura Ashley."

But apart from fitting three pregnancies into her tight schedule, there is also a problem over paternity.

Last November she broke up with fiancé-manager Dave Wolff after eight years. He continues to run her career. "We just check into different rooms now," says Cyndi. "There was, and is, no one else."

"It was a tough decision, especially as we work and live together," she says. "I was very sad at first but I'm getting over it. He's still my best friend."

She would still consider having a child by him, she says, "except I am sure it could come out playing cards and going to wrestling matches." She is thinking about using a sperm bank.

Problem. But the problem, as she sees it, is biological only. The daughter of a home broken apart by her parents' divorce when she was five has no reservations about deliberately setting up a one-parent family.

"Plenty of kids with two parents get told, 'go play in the yard.' I don't feel missed out by not having my dad there. I learned a lot. Sometimes it was painful."

There were tough financial times which would not be repeated for any offspring of millionaire Cindy. "But the time I was five, I never expected anything my girlfriends had or wanted," she says.

When her Swiss-German shipping clerk father left them, Cyndi's Italian mother Catherine took her three children to the tough Queens district of New York and worked 14 hours a day as a waitress to keep them.

"I always felt apart from the other kids because my circumstances were so different," says Cyndi. "Surviving throughout the day was the most important

thing to me. For the other kids, it was waiting for daddy to come home from work with presents."

When her mother remarried, the situation deteriorated even further. "My stepfather was a very unstable man. One minute he would be nice, the next he would turn really nasty. My mood was beaten and abused and he made my life miserable too."

By the age of 10, the future star — who was to flunk out of four schools in all — was a feminist. She says: "I didn't like the life my mother was forced to endure — remarried, re-divorced, working her heart out in diners to keep us all."

"I think the way I am comes from watching my mother and grandmother and the women in my family and the women in my neighbourhood. One by one, they all took on that look in their faces. It was the plight of women. It was a mess and not for me."

At 17 she packed her bags and ran away from home with her dog Spangle. "I'd been packing since 14," she says. Adolescence is terrible. You hate yourself, you hate other people, then you love everything.

"You are dealing with huge emotions and yearnings for approval."

It was to be a time as difficult as her childhood for Cyndi, who ended up in hospital with malnutrition and later in bankruptcy court.

She lived on handouts and dressed — not by choice — in reject jumble. And she sharpened up the razor wit that became the weapon in the battle to survive. She was a kennel maid and walked horses in Central Park.

She was a gaita girl, a dancer, a salesgirl for judo and karate lessons and clothes, an art-class model and a hostess in a Japanese piano bar. She even did social work, helping single mothers



Cyndi Lauper: "I can't wait to have babies."

who were trying to get back to work.

"One of my wildest jobs was when I was piercing ears. I did something wrong and got hysterical and left some poor woman with the staple gun still attached to her ear."

But the girl with the history of failure — she had been unable even to get into one of the performing arts high schools she longed to attend — still dreamed of singing for a living.

As a child, it had been her escape. She sang before she spoke. Teachers kept telling her the amazing four-octave range had no future. It was too unconventional for them to see its potential.

And as an unhappy teenager, she escaped from the world playing her Beatles records over and over in her room. But she has always been driven to make music of her own.

She began to make a living with imitations of Janis Joplin and fronting small-time bands before she put together a group called Blue Angel in 1978. It had limited success artistically and none financially.

Break.

In the bleak winter of 1983, Cyndi filed for bankruptcy. She recalls: "At the settlement, the judge just heaved himself off his elbow and said, 'Let the canary sing.'"

"I was free to do just that. At last I could be happy. I had never truly felt so, until then. I had always been different, an outsider. Now I had a direction. When I sing, I'm like a bird. I'm free. I fly. I'm miserable if I'm caged."

Since then, the star who was wearing bras and corsets outside her clothes years before Madonna, has run the entire

gamut of styles. Her hair has been pink, red, green, yellow, matted, tousled, wild, woolly — always a hairdresser's despair. She has worn fishnet tights with layer upon layer of petticoat and gone out of the way to find clothes that clash in the most spectacular way.

But there is more to her than a steady line in appearance gimmicks. She has had huge hits with *Girls Just Wanna Have Fun*, *Time After Time* and *She Drove All Night*.

Her first album *She's So Unusual*, won her international acclaim and gave her a record four Top Five singles in the United States.

*True Colours* which followed three years later, had disappointingly low sales. Fundists speculated that it was not her music that was the problem but her confused public image.

Bond song dives in at No.6

## No major changes in UK, US Top Ten

LONDON, (AP): Soul II Soul and Caron Wheeler topped the British pop singles chart for the second week in a row with *Back to Life* followed once again by prince's *Batdance* and U2's *All I Want Is You*. *Song for Whoever* by Beautiful South and *Sealed With A Kiss* by Jason Donovan rounded out the top five places.

Joining the Top 10 for the first time were Gladys Knight with *Licence to Kill* from the new James Bond movie, and *Joy and Pain* by Donna Allen.

Top Ten UK

This week's Top 10 singles, as listed by Our Price Music Ltd., the national music retail chain, with last week's placings in brackets.

1. (1) *Back to Life* — Soul II Soul-Caron Wheeler (10 records).
2. (2) *Batdance* — Prince (Warner).
3. (3) *All I Want Is You* — U2 (Island).
4. (5) *Song For Whoever* — Beautiful South (Go).
5. (4) *Sealed With A Kiss* — Jason Donovan (PWL).
6. (23) *Licence to Kill* — Gladys Knight (MCA).
7. (9) *I Drove All Night* — Cyndi Lauper (Epic).
8. (10) *It Is Time to Get Funky* — D. Mob Feat LRS (London).
9. (6) *Right Back Where We Started From* — Sinitta (Fanfare).
10. (14) *Joy and Pain* — Donna Allen (BCM).

In New York, Richard Marx kept *Satisfied* at the top of the single pop record charts in the United States for the second week in a row. *Good Thing* by the Five Young Cannibals hopped up two notches to second position on the Cash Box Magazine chart, while Neneh Cherry's *Buffalo Stance* stayed on for a second week in third spot.

The week's only newcomer to the Top 10 list was *I Drove All Night* by Cyndi Lauper, up from 12th to 9th.

Last week's number two hit, *Every Little Step* by Bobby Brown, skidded to fifth place.

As for the country-and-western singles, the Oak Ridge Boys took over the top of the Cash Box magazine chart with *Beyond These Years*. Tanya Tucker's *Call On Me* was second, and *Love's Only Life* by Ricky Skaggs was third.

Top Ten US

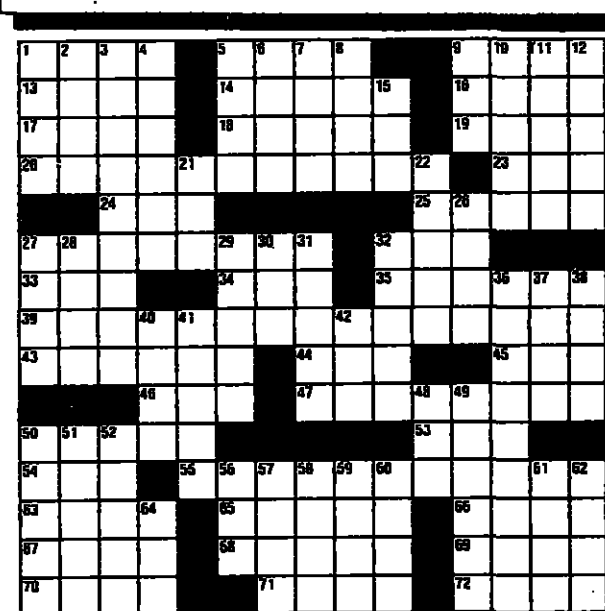
The Top 10 singles, as rated by Cash Box magazine, with last week's positions in brackets:

1. (1) *Satisfied* — Richard Marx (EMI).
2. (4) *Good Thing* — Five Young Cannibals (IRS).
3. (3) *Buffalo Stance* — Neneh Cherry (Virgin).
4. (6) *Baby Don't Forget My Number* — Milli Vanilli (Arista).
5. (2) *Every Little Step* — Bobby Brown (MCA).
6. (8) *This Time I Know It's For Real* — Donna Summer (Atlantic).
7. (9) *Express Yourself* — Madonna (Sire-Warner Brothers).
8. (5) *I'll Be Loving You (Forever)* — New Kids on the Block (Columbia).
9. (12) *I Drove All Night* — Cyndi Lauper (Epic).
10. (10) *Cry* — Waterfront (Polygram).

The Top 10 country-western singles, as rated by Cash Box magazine, with last week's positions in brackets:

1. (3) *Beyond These Years* — The Oak Ridge Boys (MCA).
2. (1) *Call On Me* — Tanya Tucker (Capitol).
3. (7) *Love's Only Life* — Ricky Skaggs (EPIC).
4. (9) *She's Got a Single Thing in Mind* — Conway Twitty (MCA).
5. (6) *Savin' Love* — Paul Overstreet (RCA).
6. (12) *Hole in My Pocket* — Ricky Van Shelton (Columbia).
7. (2) *I Don't Want to Spoil the Party* — Rosanne Cash (Columbia).
8. (13) *What's Going on in Your World* — George Strait (MCA).
9. (14) *Come From The Heart* — Kathy Mattea (Mercury).
10. (4) *She Don't Love Nobody* — The Desert Rose Band (MCA-Curb).

### TODAY'S CROSSWORD



- ACROSS
- 1 Bubble on a beverage
  - 5 Colorado feeder
  - 9 Otherwise
  - 13 Window division
  - 14 Island near Venezuela
  - 16 Entertainer
  - 17 Type of history
  - 18 Come from behind
  - 19 Excited
  - 20 Mystery-writer sleuth
  - 23 Anger
  - 24 Where some stocks trade: Abex
  - 25 Organic compound
  - 27 Worn, as a book
  - 32 Type of tent
  - 33 Disaster care
  - 34 Period of note
  - 35 Comes up
  - 39 Cabaret singer from Youngstown
  - 43 Map supplements
  - 44 Legume
  - 45 XXVI, in Roman
  - 46 H. Rider Haggard novel
  - 47 Aware
  - 53 Civilian clothes
  - 54 Cuckoo
  - 55 Acclaimed Atlanta activist
  - 63 Behave
  - 65 Nobleman's realm
  - 66 Relative of etc.
  - 67 Certain South African
  - 68 An Allen
- DOWN
- 69 Ready for harvest
  - 70 Griffith or Williams
  - 71 Sharpen
  - 72 Scrutinize
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  - 2 Spouse of a countess
  - 3 Similar
  - 4 Take out
  - 5 Indiana steel town
  - 6 Mesopotamia, today
  - 7 Lollapalooza
  - 8 Qualified
  - 9 Guido's high note
  - 10 Lawful
  - 11 Night sound
  - 12 Ready to go
  - 15 Affirmative note
  - 21 Corporate monogram
  - 22 Surgeon starter
  - 26 Londoner who lives by his wits
  - 27 One of Moores
  - 28 Middle East sultanate
  - 29 Delta of song
  - 30 Coastal flyer
  - 31 Mine gases
  - 32 Idiom
  - 33 worshipping
  - 36 Influenced by the moon
  - 37 Emerald Isle, poetically
  - 38 Pique
  - 40 Remain
  - 41 Moral philosophy
  - 42 Average grade
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  - 49 Print shop workers
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### GOVERN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF  
BOOST THOSE ODDS

North-South vulnerable. South deals.

**NORTH**  
♠ K 8  
♥ K Q 7 5  
♦ A 7 6  
♣ 8 5 4 3

**EAST**  
♠ J 9 7 3 2  
♥ 3  
♦ K Q 10 9 5 2  
♣ J 8 4 3

**SOUTH**  
♠ A 6 4  
♥ A J 10 6 4 2  
♦ Void  
♣ A Q 6 2

The bidding:

South West North East  
1♥ 2♦ 3♥ Pass  
6♥ Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: King of ♦  
Show some people a finesse position and they look no further. Present the same holding to a good player and he immediately looks for better odds than 50-50.

Perhaps there was a better way to investigate slam possibilities on this hand from a pair tournament, such as with a cue-bidding sequence. However, after North's forcing jump raise South bid what he thought he could make, and the result was a fair slam.

West led the king of diamonds,

and at first glance it might seem that the fate of the contract hinged on the club finesse. Those players who banked all on one roll of the dice were disappointed, for when the finesse lost they eventually had to concede a second club trick for down one.

The declarer who were more learned in dummy-play technique found a line that gave them a chance even if the club monarch was unfavorably placed. They ruffed the opening diamond lead, drew trumps in two rounds ending on the board, and ruffed dummy's remaining low diamond. The king of spades provided access to the table to cash the ace of diamonds for a club discard.

Declarer now took both his black aces, then crossed to the board with a spade ruff to lead a club. East produced the ten and declarer went in with the queen. Had the king been with East, the contract would have been secure. As the cards lay, West was able to capture the queen of clubs with the king, but declarer's other chance paid off. Since West had started with a doubleton king of clubs, he was now forced to return a diamond, allowing declarer to trump in dummy while discarding his remaining club loser from hand.

At the table, as in life, a little foresight can be most rewarding.

### THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



### B.C.

By Johnny Hart



### YOUR STARS

- Aries (March 20 - April 18)**  
You should not stand so much on your dignity. You would do well to take things a little more as they come. Use all the commonsense you can summon. Be objective.
- Taurus (April 19 - May 19)**  
Make sure you do not exhaust yourself when engaging in a sport as a hobby. You are more liable to get lost so do take a map with you. You should make sure you do not miss a good opportunity. Be cautious.
- Gemini (May 20 - June 20)**  
Do not be shy to make a phone call, but do not spend too long on the phone. Avoid allowing your emotions to overwhelm you. Try not to do anything silly. Be tolerant.
- Cancer (June 21 - July 21)**  
You will find it easier to resolve a quarrel and should use the opportunity offered by the occasion. Do not expect others always to agree with you. Do not mind doing something a little out of your routine if it helps to please your partner.
- Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)**  
A temptation to eat too many sweet things should be resisted. You will find a better way of doing something you do frequently. Do not eat too much of a food you have not eaten before. Be sincere.
- Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)**  
You will quickly find the solution to a rather unusual problem. You should not allow some small setback to put you off your stride altogether. Try to look at things from other people's point of view too. Be moderate.
- Libra (Sept 22 - Oct 22)**  
You should be able to do something you have long had in mind. You should not take too much notice of gossip and should certainly not act on it. Try to take your mind off work for the day. Be conciliatory.
- Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)**  
You should be on the lookout for hidden snags. You would be quite wrong to think that you have no more or are too old to learn. You should not try to make things too easy for yourself. Be considerate.
- Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)**  
Your health should be your first concern, take just a little more exercise and ensure you get enough rest. And do not worry about something you can do nothing at all about just now. Try to see other person's point of view. Be attentive.
- Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 19)**  
You should avoid doing what you know you should not. And do not say exactly what is on your mind if there is a possibility of it giving offence. Take care not to make a nuisance of yourself. Be patient.
- Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18)**  
You will be able to do something you have long had in mind. You should not take too much notice of gossip and should certainly not act on it. Try to take your mind off work for the day. Be conciliatory.
- Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)**  
You should try to take things a little more easily. Have a good rest but do not spend too long in bed. Make more effort to please your partner than yourself. Be magnanimous.

"I definitely don't have your size in beige."







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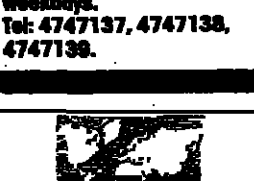
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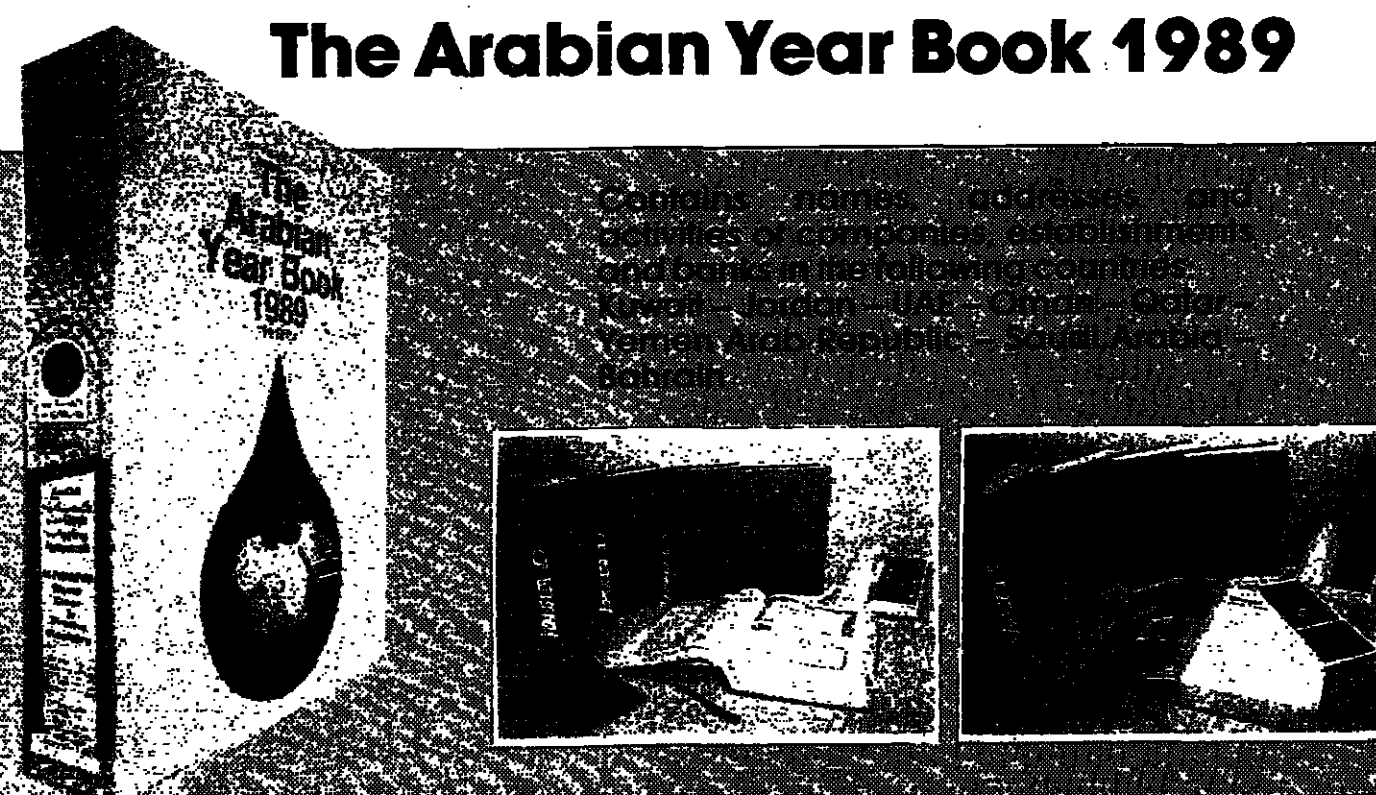
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## SPORTS

# Kabayan brush aside Kirby to share chess tournament lead

KABAYAN Restaurant (1) thrashed Kirby 3.5-0.5 to share the lead with sister team Kabayan (2) after the 5th round of Palarong Filipino team chess tournament, being held at the Keifan Gym.

Kabayan (2) lost again this week, this time to RJC 1.5-2.5, but still garnered enough points to stay at the top.

SAS Hotel came back with a vengeance this week, after a much needed rest, to blast Alghanim 3-1. Chiquita shared points with Abughosh Hatid-Liyaga 2-2 and Kaleco drew a bye.

In the individual tournament, both unbeaten Mostreles and De los Reyes drew their game after 80 moves. Both the players decided to share the points after they were exhausted after five hours of concentration.

Monreal defeated favourite Cortado in an exciting finale after only 26 moves. Likewise, Martinez announced his resurgence finishing off Amansec in 39 moves. Iral also retained his form by beating Alamadi in 41 moves.

**Team standings**  
1. Kabayan (1) 12.5 points; 2. Kabayan (2) 12.5; 3. SAS Hotel 11.5; 4. Chiquita 10.0; 5. Kaleco 9.5; 6. RJC 7.0; 7. Kirby 7.0; 8. Hatid-Liyaga 6.0; 9. Alghanim 4.0.

**Individual results**  
Monreal beat Cortado in 26 moves, Martinez beat Amansec in 39 moves, Mostreles drew De los Reyes in 80 moves, Boado drew Betegon in 12 moves, Lag-

may beat Velasco in 29 moves, Montanayor beat Dempil in 55 moves, Iral beat Alamadi in 41 moves, Bautista beat Pales in 48 moves, Espeno drew Pagaduan in 9 moves, Moje drew Blas in 58 moves, Mercado beat Canlas by default and Mantino beat Yaranon by default.



Trico: first runner-up in bowling



Some of the ladies await their turn



Alghanim bowlers: 2nd runner-up



Action shot of the Hatid-Liyaga - Dollarco basketball game

## SAS outclass Los Compadres to stay top

### Filipinos to hold karate tournament

THE Sikaran-Karate tournament will start on Friday, July 7 at the Keifan Gym starting at 6:00 pm. Each group will be allowed a 2-minute Kata Exhibition.

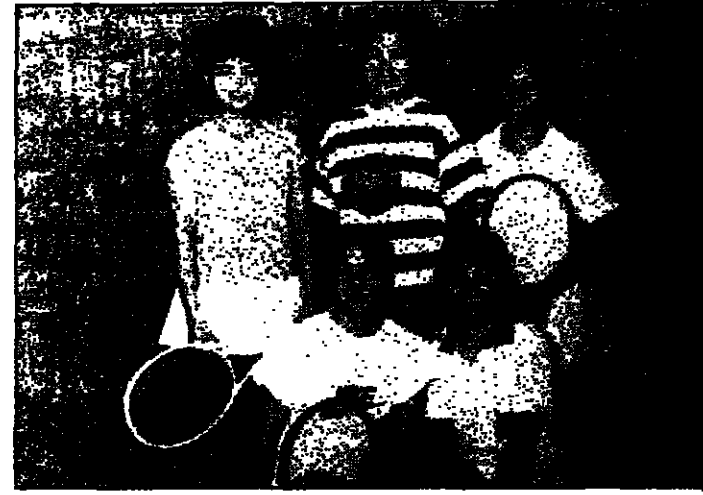
Sikaran is a Filipino art of foot fighting. This Sikaran-Karate competition will enhance physical fitness among Sikaran practitioners and members as well.

The participants were inspired by the full support from KAPILKU president Manny Inserto, who initiated this project. Inserto, a 3rd Dan black belt performed SAIFA, an advanced form of individual self-defense technique on Friday, at Keifan Gym.

Bayani Trinidad, a Sikaran practitioner and 4th dan black belt made a demonstration of Kata, also an advanced form of street defense to the delight of the audience.

Crispin Ofciar, a black belt, Bonnie Sales, a brown belt and Fernando Reyes, a green belt also showed their skills in Kata exhibition.

Brendo Rivera, brown belt took the stick defense technique and showed the proper method of outpointing the opponent. The Sikaran-Karate tournament is being organized by Ofje Olor, vice-president for welfare and special projects as the chairman and Jojo Medrano, assistant vice-president for welfare and special projects, as the vice-chairman.



Some of the ladies who saw tennis action on Friday



Chess players concentrate on their game



A Dollarco basketball player seems to be playing football

(Photos by Javed Basra, Amr Jadeed and Heltam Mushad)

### Special basketball event

THE Association of Filipinos in Kuwait (KAPILKU) is to start the selection of the top 30 basketball players, who will participate in the Pizza Italia All-Star Games on Friday, July 21 at Keifan Gym at 2:00 pm. Fabulous prizes will be awarded to the winners plus cups and medals.

The teams are composed of two groups, that is, green and the red. A one-on-one competition will be applied to the ladies division only and will be announced on a later date, after the completion of the top 30 best players.

The three-point shooting is now open to all participants of the Palarong Filipino basketball tournament. Each player will shoot for 2 minutes and whoever gets the highest number of points will be declared the winner. For registration, register at Pizza Italia, Fahd Al Salem Street, tel. 2443922. Deadline for registration is on Thursday, July 6, 1989 at 12:00 midnight.

This special tournament is being sponsored by Pizza Italia.

### Nissan tame Pizza Italia for first victory

By Gil Bangalan

SAS HOTEL continued to dominate Group D of the Palarong Filipino '89 Basketball Tournament when they thrashed Los Compadres 89-78 to score their third straight win and move to within one game of a semifinal berth.

The Los Compadres quintet started hot early in the first half of the game behind Guevarra and Saura's sure baskets and the team's good defense. They failed however to maintain their momentum, flailing out early in the second half, as SAS Hotel's Arganoza wreaked havoc on their defense with searching baskets, pumping in 25 pts in the second half alone.

With Dalde controlling the rebounds for SAS and Arganoza's shooting spree, SAS wrapped up their victory over Los Compadres in style. Arganoza finished the game with a record of 46 pts, with Reyes and Vergara contributing 16 pts and 10 pts, respectively. On the Los Compadres side, Guevarra scored 22 pts, Saura 18 pts, and Semana 16 pts.

In the other games on Friday, Pampanga recorded their second win, beating ASCO, 73-56, and moved up to second place behind Woodgroup Engineering in Group C. In Group A, Dollarco Exchange outgunned Hatid Ligaya, 80-76, for their third win after four sorties.

Dollarco inched up to the second position, with Hatid Ligaya sharing the third position with Kay & Associates.

Top scorers for Dollarco were Regis 25 pts, Macatangay 18 pts, and Marasigan 13 pts. Dollarco's next assignment is Al Rashed Supermarket. Dollarco needs a win over Al Rashed to assure them one of the top positions in their group.

Nissan Al Bahrain tasted their first victory in the tournament outlasting Pizza Italia, 96-80. Relying on Detera's all around skill in the court and Juan providing much needed baskets, the Nissan quintet led early in the first half 53-43, Pizza Italia came close to equalizing the score with only 5 mins to the ballgame, but they rally fizzled out in the face of Arganoza's blistering baskets.

Nissan effectively neutralized Pizza Italia's scoring ace Pan-

tolgo limiting him to only one attempt from the 3 pts area. Top scorers for Nissan were Juan 27 pts, Detera 21 pts, and Perez 20 pts while on the Pizza Italia side, Dela Cruz made 27 pts, Alojado 20 pts, and Pantulgo 17 pts.

Also in Group B, KPBC pounded Soft Rock Cafe, 104-76, and join the Magnolia Ice Cream in the driver's seat. Soft Rock Cafe put up a good fight but the taller and more seasoned KPBC quintet was just too much for the smaller Soft Rocks. Lindimas and Castro topscored for KPBC with 19 pts each, with Dela Cruz and Perez contributing 17 pts and 13 pts respectively. On the Soft Rock Cafe side, Boado completed 25 pts, Atienza 14 pts, Garcia 12 pts and Jose 10 pts.

Favorites KPBC and Magnolia shall meet on Friday for their much awaited showdown. Both teams will be fighting it out not only for supremacy in Group B but also for the prestige. KPBC had been after the title for the past years, which they briefly held in 1987 to be thwarted in third bid for a second title in 1988.

KPBC this year still retains the services of its key players Lindimas, Manuel, Dela Cruz, Caro, and Aratol, reinforced by Perez and Castro of AG&P fame, and Domingo. The team will rely on Manuel and Castro in controlling the board, while their firepower will come from Dela Cruz, Lindimas, and Perez.

Magnolia Ice Cream, though new in the scene boasts of the services of the star players from the former Mabuhay restaurant team composed of Menez, Reyes, Babierra, Arnan, and Vargas. They are beefed up and ably supported by high-jumping Zalavarría, formerly of the Pinoy team, and Calaycay, who played formerly with KPBC. Reyes and Babierra are Magnolia's offence weapons, with Zalavarría, Calaycay, Vargas, and Menez providing reliable support and assistance.

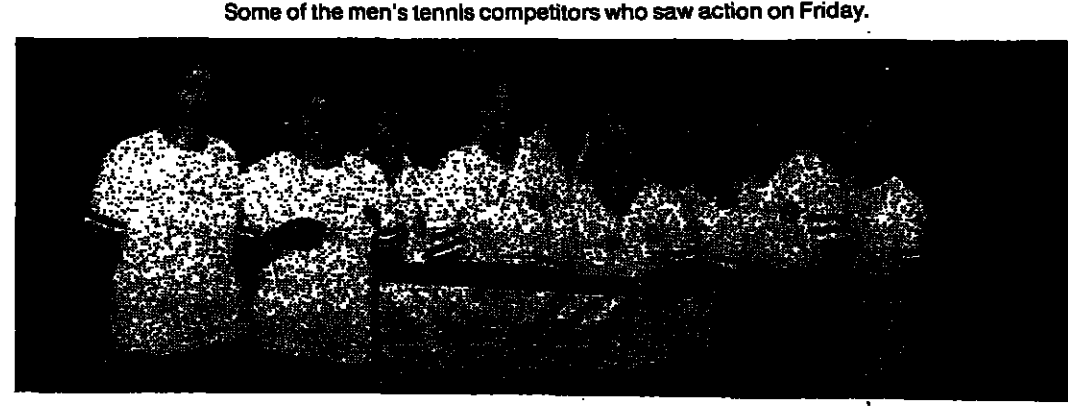
In the Ladies Division, Hatid Ligaya squeezed past Al Rashed Freight, 60-59 in a hotly contested game. Al Rashed had a chance to force an extension but Aida missed her free throw awarded on a foul committed and called simultaneously with the buzzer. Al Rashed placed the result of the game, however,



Some Filipinos put on a Sikaran-Karate demonstration

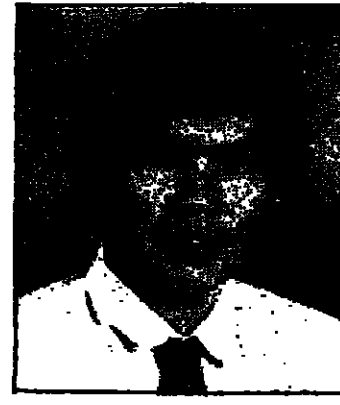


Some of the men's tennis competitors who saw action on Friday.

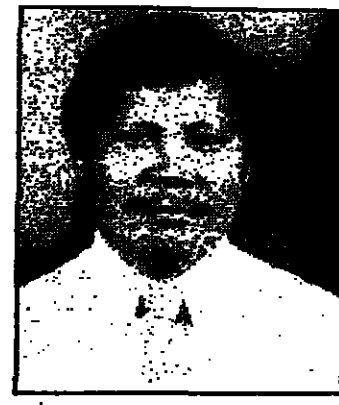


Kabayan: winners of Group B crown

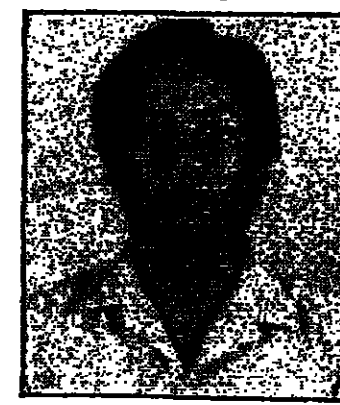
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Anukul Sae-Tang



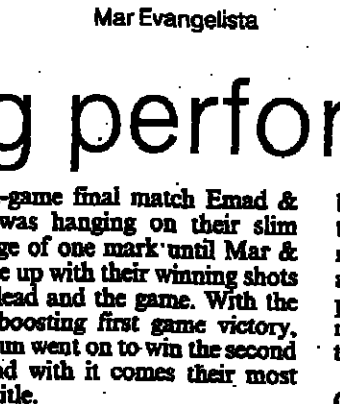
Beng Gutierrez



Rudy Zablan



Jun Cheng



Mar Evangelista

## 'Nuk' overwhelms Rudy to cap brilliant bowling performance

By Sunny Mariano

THE past few weeks have been a very busy one for all bowling enthusiasts in Kuwait as PBAK held quite a number of tournaments which have kept the bowling fever high all the time.

First on the list of recently concluded tournaments is the second PBAK monthly championship for seeded bowlers which the cool and confident Anukul Sae-Tang of Thailand romped away with as he brushed aside the stiff challenge of the other finalist.

In the step-ladder finals, Anukul better known to his bowling buddies as "Nuk" first stopped Komarudin of

Malaysia who qualified fourth before knocking out Sani Baker another bowler from Malaysia to arrange a showdown with top qualifier Rudy Zablan.

The final match was a two game series with the player with a higher total pinfall winning the match. After the closely contested first game, Nuk overwhelmed Rudy when he unloaded a series of strikes to capped his brilliant performance.

Winners and top finishers of this monthly event are awarded bonus points which in turn will be used in determining the qualifiers for the Battle of the Champions tournament to be

held at the end of the bowling calendar for the year 1989.

Winning and at the same time enjoying a good laugh is exactly what can be said of the PBAK Bowl for fun couples tournament held the second time around and most probably every month thereafter, due to its popularity among the members of the association. It is not a far cry from the other tournaments when it comes to thrill and excitement, but the laughter and the absence of tension and worried faces more than makes the difference.

The last time around the result was topsided but this time the winners Beng Gutierrez and Rudy Zablan barely edged the duo of Chi Acosta

and Caloy Abesamis by a mere pinfall. Taking the third spot was the pair of Nitz Alinea and Dodie Bautista while Lynne Reyes and Manny Regalado's team up came in fourth.

At the end of PBAK's hectic schedule for the week, the step-ladder finals for the first PBAK Doubles Classic was held last Friday at the 300 Club Bowling lanes. The opening match fitted Bennie Guimoy and Waleed Al Zink against Mohammed Ali & Ahmad and it was one hell of a curtain raiser as Benny & Waleed prevailed by just one pin.

However, they failed to duplicate their fete as Nashat & Hamid

bowled them in the next game. Jun Cheng and Mar Evangelista did not give much chance to Nashat & Hamid to put their act together and won the game with ease.

What's good in sports is that there's nothing wrong in going up against your fellow countrymen because everything is settled fair and square. This is exactly what happened when Jun and Mar took on the pair of Pete Valisno and Mando Alejandro for the right to face the top finalist Emad & Kamal. Experience took its toll on Mando & Pete as they went down and in turn gave Jun & Mar the chance of winning their first doubles title since they team up together. In the first game

of the 2-game final match Emad & Kamal was hanging on their slim advantage of one mark until Mar & Jun came up with their winning shots to take lead and the game. With the morale boosting first game victory, Mar & Jun went on to win the second game and with it comes their most wanted title.

After this gruelling schedule of tournaments it is but proper to take time for something other than bowling and nothing will do better, than to dance the night away. The officers, members and special guest of PBAK did exactly like that on Friday night when they gathered together minus their bowling

balls and wristers. All they had to bring that night were their dancing shoes and repertoire of the latest dances. It was also the night for the winners and placers of the just-concluded tournaments as they received prizes for their victories.

Present that night were Consul General Olivia Palala and Yacoub Al Kandari, the new found grandfather of the Philippine Bowling Association in Kuwait, who have sponsored the previous tournaments held last month. They both awarded the trophies and prizes for all the winners, assisted by PBAK president Kiki Pino and PBAK VP for social affairs Bong Pagutayao.



# Pete Rose wants to clear his name

CINCINNATI, July 1, (AP): Pete Rose says he isn't interested in anything less than vindication on allegations he bet on baseball. The Cincinnati Reds manager said on Thursday he wouldn't be interested in any settlement to his lawsuit against Commissioner A. Bartlett Giamatti if it involved an admission he bet on baseball games.

"I'm expending so much time and energy to prove I'm innocent," Rose said.

Robert Pitcairn Jr., one of Rose's lawyers, indicated this week that Rose's legal team would consider a settlement if it allowed Rose to stay in baseball.

However, baseball officials said on Thursday there have been no settlement talks. Giamatti gave a deposition to Rose's lawyers on Thursday in Washington, as part of the manager's legal action.

Asked whether a settlement was discussed

at the meeting, Giamatti said, "It wasn't that kind of a meeting."

And John M. Dowd, baseball's chief investigator in the Rose matter, reiterated on Thursday that the commissioner has no thought of removing himself from handling the case. Rose's lawyers have demanded that someone other than Giamatti decide Rose's fate, a condition baseball has rejected.

# Tigers maul Orioles

## Athletics blank Indians

NEW YORK, July 1, (AP): After getting bombed for 11 runs and 19 hits in an 11-1 loss to Toronto on Thursday night, the Baltimore Orioles gave up 16 runs and 18 hits last night in a 16-5 pounding by the last place Detroit Tigers.

Bob Milacki gave up six runs in 5 2-3 innings, including four runs after getting two outs in the sixth as the Orioles blew a 5-1 lead.

Reliever Mike Smith made his Major League debut by allowing eight runs in the top of the eighth inning.

Smith gave up seven hits, two walks and a wild pitch in 1 1-3 innings.

"(Milacki) made some mistakes," manager Frank Robinson said. "He was behind in the count and he made some pitches they could hit. I'm disappointed."

Athletics 5, Indians 0

Bob Welch, just off the disabled list, struggled through five

scoreless innings and Dave Henderson broke out of a 9-for-65 slump with three hits and an RBI. Welch, who injured his right groin June 12, was in constant trouble, allowing seven hits and four walks.

Angels 7, Twins 2

Chuck Finley, who had lost four of five starts, stopped Minnesota on six hits and Chuli Davis and Tony Armas homered on consecutive pitches in the top of the fifth inning.

Finley, 9-6, was the AL Pitcher of the Month in May with a 4.0 record, 1.37 ERA and three complete games in that stretch. He returned to form after giving up two earned runs in the first inning.

Royals 6, White Sox 3

Bob Boone's 800th career RBI capped Kansas City's five-run, seven-hit third inning and Danny Tartabull homered in his return from the disabled list.

Charlie Leibrandt won for only the second time in his last six

starts, allowing eight hits and three runs in seven innings, including a homer by Eddie Williams in the bottom of the seventh.

Mariners 4, Rangers 3

Bill Swift, who had an 8.34 ERA in his last five starts, held Texas scoreless until the seventh in outpitching Nolan Ryan.

Swift took a three-hit shutout into the seventh before yielding a single to Rick Leach and a triple to Pete Incaviglia. Mike Jackson retired two batters before Cecil Espy singled home a home.

Yankees 4, Brewers 3

Steve Sax raised his batting average to .331 with three hits, including a tie-breaking double that drove in an unearned run in the bottom of the eighth inning.

Red Sox 3, Blue Jays 1

Dwight Evans doubled home the tie-breaking run with two out in the top of the eighth inning and Mike Boddicker allowed five hits in eight innings as Boston beat Toronto for the first time in the

last eight meetings.

Cubs 6, Giants 4

Ryne Sandberg broke an 0-for-22 slump and a scoreless tie with an RBI single in the sixth inning as the Chicago Cubs snapped a seven-game losing streak with a 6-4 victory over the San Francisco Giants.

The Cubs scored five runs in the sixth inning — as many runs as they had scored in any of their previous seven games. They scored a total of nine runs during the seven-game streak.

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Montreal	6	Houston	1
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## Prost denies reports on racing future

GENEVA, July 1, (Reuters): Former world champion Alain Prost yesterday denied reports that he had left the McLaren team for Williams and insisted he had not yet made a decision on his motor racing future.

In a statement issued by the Frenchman's Geneva lawyer Jean-Charles Roguet, Prost said reports that he was leaving McLaren were "erroneous."

"I have made no decision to date regarding my future," Roguet quoted him as saying.

French radio and newspapers reported earlier yesterday that the two-time world champion had signed a contract with Williams.

But Renault, the French manufacturer who supply engines to Williams, also denied that the British team had signed Prost.

Bernard Castin, director-general of Renault Sports, said: "Nothing is decided."



## TCCB fines Pringle £150

LONDON, July 1, (Reuters): England all-rounder Derek Pringle was fined £150 (£237) by the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB) yesterday for gesturing to spectators who had backed him during a one-day match.

An investigating panel of the TCCB's discipline committee imposed the punishment after Pringle's admission of misconduct during the Benson and Hedges Cup semifinal against Somerset at Taunton on June 14.

The barracking came when Pringle misfielded a shot.

The TCCB said they were taking no action over an incident four days later when Pringle hurled the ball to the boundary after being struck for 41 runs in his last three overs in the Sunday League match against Leicestershire.

Pringle was warned on both counts by Essex.

# British going to 'the dogs'

LONDON, July 1, (AP): Tongues drip, tattooed ears prick up. The metallic hum gets louder.

A mechanical hare whips by, six greyhounds bolt out of traps and a gritty roar rumbles around the stadium.

It's another night at the races, another chance to win or lose at what Winston Churchill once dubbed "animated roulette."

"The dogs" is Britain's second-biggest spectator sport, dwarfed by soccer but a short nose ahead of horse racing. It attracted more than 4 million visitors last year.

Since the 1961 legalization of off-track betting, greyhound racing is enjoying a modest revival as track owners lay on plush restaurants and nightclubs to draw a younger, wealthier clientele.

They are bringing in more women, families and young professionals seeking a voguish diversion. But at heart, dog racing remains a blue-collar attraction, and the popular image of a greyhound fan in flat cap and bicycle clips still lingers.

Three nights a week at Waltham

stadium in northeast London, one of Europe's premier venues, gamblers can win or lose thousands in under 30 seconds, or skip a heartbeat on a 10-pence (15-cent) flutter.

The greyhounds, sleek and muzzled, are paraded by a bowler-batted official for the crowd of 2,000. Pop music reverberates, and an electronic box, set among fountains and flowers in centre field, reads "betting time 4 mins." Still enough time to place a bet.

The bookies' assistants, known as "tic-tac-men," jostle the odds to each other in a mysterious hand language. "Ding-dong" sounds a two-minute countdown. Serious gamblers begin handing over wads of cash.

A fanfare sounds. The lights dim, and all eyes turn to the brilliantly lit track. Electrically propelled, a fluffy white hare comes clanking around the circuit. The dogs give frantic chase, thumping by over grass and sand.

A young man chants softly through gritted teeth, "c'mon,

my son, c'mon." The race is over in 29 seconds. He calmly collects a wad of winnings and doesn't count it. Win or lose, it's bad form to betray emotion.

Tom Jenkins, a 43-year-old bookie, wears an elegant cream-coloured suit, grinds a fat cigar and stands on a soapbox chalking up odds.

"I think we've outlived that flat-cap image, but the distinctions are very blurred now," he says. "The sport really has gone up a lot in image — there's a lot more money now. It used to be very spartan, a lot of people having a lot of little bets. Now there's fewer people and bigger bets."

A £1,000 (\$1,500) bet is commonplace now, he says.

"It's very much working-class, very much c to do. You get one-percent abs here," says Ray Brown, 41, a sports publisher, using the sociological definitions of the British classes.

The industry attracts one-quarter of the £3.4 million (\$5.3 million) betting market, and bets surged 27 per cent in 1987-88 after they were freed of a 4-per cent tax.



## Moroccan star

World record holder in the 1,500 and 5,000 metres, Said Aouita of Morocco signs an autograph at a garden party on Friday in Oslo, Norway. Aouita was in Oslo for the Bislett games. (Reuters wirephoto).

# Ballesteros shoots 64 to move clear of pack

CHANTILLY, France, July 1, (Reuters): Severiano Ballesteros fired a double warning to his British Open rivals yesterday.

First, the gifted Spaniard fired a second round 64 to surge from five shots back to a one-shot lead in the French Open golf championship.

Then he declared himself ready to defend his British Open crown at Royal Troon in three weeks. "I wish it was next week," he said. "My game is good — and I don't say that very often. I'm pleased not so much because I shot 64 but because I am striking the ball well. I am ready."

Ballesteros, chasing a record-equaling fifth victory here, failed with a 15-foot birdie putt on the last to match the six-year-old course record of 63. But his closing par 135 total and clear of eight players grouped on 136. Ballesteros carded one birdie

in the first seven holes but then stormed through by rolling in birdies at five of the next six — the highlight being a 30-footer for a three at the 10th.

Little-known Frenchman Jean-Ignace Monique, who has missed nine halfway cuts in Europe this year, matched Ballesteros' six-under-par round. But the 30-year-old missed what would have been his eighth birdie of the day from 10 feet at the par five 18th after going out in 31.

He finished in joint second place along with Britain's European money list leader Ronan Rafferty and Gordon Brand Jr, who both shot 67.

Overnight leader Jose-Maria Olazabal of Spain was also there after a 70 as were veteran South African campaigners John Bland (66) and Hugo Baiocchi (67). Australian Mike Harwood (68) and American Mike Allen (69).



## Cleveland Grand Prix

Actor Paul Newman (left), owner of Michael Andretti's race car, congratulates Andretti after the latter won the pole position for the Cleveland Grand Prix on Saturday. The race was to be held today in Cleveland, Ohio. (Reuters wirephoto)

# Italian aims to defend world title in Moscow

ROME, July 1, (Reuters): Italian Maurizio Stecca is planning to defend his World Boxing Organisation (WBO) featherweight crown in Moscow's Red Square in the first professional world title fight in the Soviet Union.

Stecca's manager Umberto Branchini said yesterday the open-air fight was tentatively planned for August 20 when Stecca would make a voluntary defence against Mexican Mario Alberto Rodriguez.

Under the plan three Soviet boxers would make their professional debuts on the same bill against opponents from the US Boxing Federation, Branchini said.

He declined to discuss financial details.

"If it comes off it would be nice and I hope it does. But if I don't hear in the next three or four days then I will have to make other plans for Stecca," Branchini said.

He said he had been approached with the proposal for the contest by an Italian middleman, Benedetto Montella, who was acting on behalf of a Finnish promoter.

Branchini said he had had no dealings with Soviet authorities and Montella was not available for comment.

Soviet boxers, long a force in Olympic boxing, have never fought professionally and the Stecca contest on Red Square, a symbol of Soviet communism, would be a world first.

In April US promoters momentum enterprises announced in New York they had reached a 10-year agreement with the Soviet Boxing Federation to bring Soviet boxers to fight professionally, in the United States.

Momentum President Lou Falcigno said a first group of six boxers was expected to go to the United States by October.

The agreement followed Soviet openings to professionalism in the west for competitors in other sports including soccer, cycling, ice hockey and basketball.

Branchini could not say whether Momentum Enterprises were involved in the August fight plan. "My only contact has been with Montella and my only interest is Stecca. I'm still waiting to hear whether the defence will take place," he said.

# Lynagh inspires Australians Wallabies rout Lions

SYDNEY, July 1, (Reuters): Australia scored four tries to thrash a pedestrian British Lions side 30-12 in the first of three rugby union Tests today.

The Lions were dominated in all phases of play as the Wallabies, inspired by brilliant flyhalf Michael Lynagh, scored only their second victory in 59 years over a Lions side.

The Lions, unbeaten after six games, paid the penalty for having relied so heavily on their forwards so far on tour. For once their pack had an off day and the new-look backline was found sadly wanting in inspiration.

The Wallabies had all but wrapped up victory at halftime when they led 15-6 after tries by Lloyd Walker and Scott Gougeon.

The Lions looked a dejected side, making a string of basic errors and being totally outwitted at the line-out, an area they were expected to dominate.

Australia, who last beat the Lions 6-5 in 1930, had a key card in winger David Campese.

His every move ignited panic among the Lions backs, and on the hour he and Lynagh conjured a try out wide for debutant centre Dominic Maguire.

With Lions fullback Gavin Hastings off form both in attack and with his boot, Australia struck again.

Scrum-half and captain Nick Farr-Jones bamboozled the porous Lions defence once more to present another debutant, fullback Greg Martin, with a simply try under the posts.

Unlike Chalmers, Lynagh, who kicked four conversions, a penalty and a drop goal, chose all the right options in attack roared on by a capacity 40,000 crowd.



Farr-Jones: bamboozled the Lions defence

# All Blacks clinch series

AUCKLAND, New Zealand, July 1, (Reuters): The All Blacks beat France 34-20 in a tough, physical match to clinch the rugby union Test series 2-0 today, but only after the tourists gave the New Zealanders a big fright in front of their home crowd.

France laid on one of their now customary comebacks to snatch the lead 20-19 with a March Cecillon try after 15 minutes of the second half. Veteran serve Blance also rejuvenated the French kicking record with four penalties, including one from 55 metres out.

But in the end the All Blacks pulled away to make a clean sweep of the Test series before a capacity 46,000 crowd at Auckland's Eden Park. Grant Fox maintained his strong kicking record with four penalties and three conversions.

"I think it was great performance by the All Blacks and also by (the French). They were tremendous," said All Black captain Wayne Shelford.

"It was a physical game. Every time you play the French you're in a real tough one."

# Real complete double

MADRID, July 1, (Reuters): Champions Real Madrid beat Valladolid 1-0 yesterday to win the Spanish Cup and complete a domestic Cup and League double they last achieved in 1980.

It was a fitting farewell for Dutch coach Leo Beenhakker, handing over to Briton John Toshack and moving to Ajax Amsterdam after three seasons with the club.

Real, who last won the cup in 1982, were clear favourite against Valladolid, who finished sixth in the League and who were making their first Cup final appearance since 1950.

Midfielder Rafael Gordillo scored the goal in the sixth minute, bounding down the wing to pick up a pass from Elio Butraguenos and slam the ball in from an almost impossible angle.

The goal, combined with suffocating heat at the Calderon stadium of Real's local rivals Atletico Madrid, served to relax Real who attempted to slow the rest of the first half. Most of the attacking came from Valladolid and Manuel Pena missed two clear chances in the 24th and 36th minute.

With the pace quickening in the second half, Valladolid were again unlucky with a series of chances. Yugoslav Janko Jankovic squandered a golden chance to equalise in the 63rd minute when he mis-kicked from point blank range with goalkeeper Francisco Bufo floundering.

Real piled on the pressure in the last 15 minutes and Valladolid's Mauro Ravin was hard pushed to deflect a shot by Miguel Tendillo in the 77th minute.

With Real already booked for the European Cup, Valladolid have the consolation of a place in the Cup Winners' Cup alongside this season's winners Barcelona.



Kingdom had an easy time after Nehemiah made a false start. (Reuters wirephoto)

# Stewart blown to 100m win in 9.90 seconds

## Kingdom cruises to easy 110m hurdles victory

VIGO, Spain, July 1, (Reuters): A stiff breeze propelled Jamaica's Ray Stewart to a sizzling 100 metres victory at an international athletics meeting yesterday.

The world championship bronze medalist sped home in a wind-assisted 9.90 seconds to leave world indoor gold medalist Andres Simon trailing in second place. He clocked 10.08 while Canadian Branny Surin took third in 10.16.

Stewart's time bettered the 9.91 he ran in the United States in April as the fastest recorded so far this year. But with the wind speed at nearly 3.0 metres a second — almost a metre a second above its permitted strength — the performance will not count for record purposes.

Olympic champion Roger Kingdom was another to be denied in the blustery conditions. He won the 110 metres hurdles in 13.10 but a following wind of more than four metres a second meant that his performance would not improve the world's best time this year of 13.13 he ran in Lausanne on Tuesday.

Kingdom, the 1984 and 1988 Olympic gold medalist, swept over the 10 flights to crush world record holder and fellow-American Renaldo Nehemiah.

Kingdom crossed the line ahead of another American Jack Pierce with Cuban Emilio Valle third. Nehemiah, forced to hold back after a false start, was never in contention and trailed in fourth.

Stewart's time was not exceptional for wind-aided performances. Olympic champion Carl Lewis clocked the quickest time ever recorded — 9.78 seconds — in Indianapolis last year and the Jamaican himself ran 9.89 also in Indianapolis two years ago. Altogether seven men, including Stewart, have bettered 9.90 for the 100 metres helped by an illegal following wind.

Olympic 10,000 metres champion Ibrahim Bouhaid dropped down to 5,000 metres and scored an effortless win in 13:28.90 against an undistinguished field.

The Moroccan snuggled into the pack for the first half of the race and was content to pass the 3,000-metre mark before leading the first break.

Plucky Portuguese Antonio Pinto went with him and the two traded the lead for the next four laps shadowed by Antonio Serrano of Spain.

But Bouhaid looked to be running well within himself and with 200 metres to go produced a telling change of pace to escape his rivals by the final bend.



## SPORTS

## SPORTS BRIEFS

## Player caught

WIMBLEDON, England, July 1, (AP): Nicole Pietrangeli may have obeyed the law but not the All England Lawn Tennis Club. She found out today that, at Wimbledon, the club was more powerful. Officials of the club were investigating a report in one of Britain's national tabloids that Pietrangeli, a first-round loser in women's singles, sold tournament tickets to a scalper. The tickets came from the daily allotment each player receives free.

## Steeb fined

LONDON, July 1, (Reuters): West German Davis Cup player Carl-Uwe Steeb has been fined \$500 for using an audible obscenity during his second-round defeat by American Scott Davis at the Wimbledon Tennis Championships yesterday.

## GP standings

NEW YORK, July 1, (UPI): Olympic long jump silver medalist Larry Myricks holds slim lead over Cuban discus thrower Luis Delis in the overall Mobil Grand Prix men's standings. Myricks, who Thursday won the long jump with a mark of 27 feet, 4 1/2 inches in Helsinki, Finland, has 23 Grand Prix points, one more than Delis. American pole vaulter Kory Tarpenning has 21 1/2 points and Olympic long jump bronze medalist Mike Powell has 21.

## Drug testing

INDIANAPOLIS, July 1, (AP): The Athletics Congress has delayed the start of a year-round drug-testing programme for track and field in the United States for months until Oct 1 because more time is needed to train the people who will be collecting samples, officials announced yesterday.

## Truce talks

BARCELONA, Spain, July 1, (Reuters): The Spanish government may start talks with Catalan separatists this summer in the hope of opening a ceasefire before the 1992 Olympics in the region's capital Barcelona, a Catalan politician said on Thursday. Angel Colom, a member of a loose alliance of radical nationalist groups, told reporters the government and the guerrilla group Terra Lliure (Free Land) both wanted to start talks and he had made exploratory contacts.

## Liberty Cup

NEW YORK, July 1, (Reuters): After five hours of sailing in New York harbour, New Zealand caught a brief breeze and extended its lead in the Liberty Cup sailing competition yesterday. New Zealand, under the guidance of 1984 Olympic gold medalist Russell Coutts, beat Japan to raise its record to 6-0.

## Retooled race

BOULDER, Colorado, July 1, (AP): International Bicycle Classic director Michael Ainsworth apparently has lined up a potential sponsor for the event, but Ainsworth is advising that the 1989 race be scrapped in favour of a retooled race in 1990.

## Murder charge

SOUTHFIELD, Michigan, July 1, (AP): Henry Hearn, youngest brother of boxer Thomas Hearns, was ordered yesterday to stand trial on a first-degree murder charge in the shooting death of his girlfriend, officials said.

## Title fight

BISMARCK, North Dakota, July 1, (AP): Negotiations are under way for Virgil Hill to make another defence of his World Boxing Association light heavyweight title here — this time Aug 6 against James Kinchen. "There are a few more things that have to be done in the next couple days," said Bruce Trampler of Top Rank Inc., one of the organizers.

## Japan Open

IRUMA, Japan, July 1, (AP): Hisako Higuchi bogged two of the last three holes and shared the lead today with Toshiyuki and Naoyuki Yoshikawa going into the final round of the Japan Women's Open Golf Championship. Higuchi, who has won 70 tournaments, grabbed the lead midway through the back nine after carding three birdies and one double-bogey.

## Ohmachi ahead

TOKYO, July 1, (AP): Akiyoshi Ohmachi posted five birdies today en route to a bogey-free 67 and the lead entering the final round of the Kanto (East) Japan PGA Championship. Ohmachi, who competed on the US PGA Tour the past two seasons, started with a birdie on the first hole.

## 15-year-old Yugoslav prodigy steals British hearts

LONDON, July 1, (Reuters): The world according to Monica Seles is a refreshingly uncomplicated place. If something's not fun, the chances are Seles isn't in the vicinity.

At Wimbledon, not somewhere knockabout humour is encouraged, the 15-year-old Yugoslav prodigy with the machine-gun giggle has stayed true to her reputation. So far, the often sceptical

British public has loved every minute.

In theory, the precocious Seles should be quaking at the prospect of her next match when she faces world number one Steffi Graf in the last 16. Instead, the laughs are getting louder and her press conferences more entertaining.

"I am going to go out with nothing to lose," she smiled when quizzed about Graf. "I am going to try and if I make it, I

make it. If I don't there is still next year."

Seles has come a long way since her father first decided she should play tennis at the age of six. When she got bored with it at the ripe old age of six and a half, Seles senior, a former newspaper cartoonist, rekindled her interest by drawing pictures of Tom and Jerry on balls which he hit at her.

Parental encouragement even stret-

ched to cutting the family meat ration to finance travel to international tournaments. Since moving to Florida and coming under the wing of Nick Bollettieri, the bills have ceased to be a problem and Seles's career has taken off along with her bank balance.

Although she beat Chris Evert to win her first professional title at Houston in April and took a set off the mighty Graf

in the semifinals of her first Grand Slam tournament in Paris last month, it is clearly risky to expect too much too soon.

To Seles, however, the road ahead is paved more with possibilities than pitfalls.

"I am just going to try and go my own way," she said.

## Navratilova takes Provis to task

McEnroe routs Pugh to avenge defeat

LONDON, July 1, (Reuters): Martina Navratilova, who barely survived her second-round match against the world's 176th-ranked player, looked more like her old self in dismissing 77th-ranked Nicole Provis of Australia 6-0, 6-3 at the Wimbledon Tennis Championships today.

Second-seeded Navratilova, 32, seeking a record ninth Wimbledon singles title on her 17th visit to the tournament, lost the first two points but conceded only 10 more in winning the first set and was only marginally less dominant in the second.

She will now play Hana Mandlikova, the 14th seed, in a repeat of the 1986 Wimbledon final. Mandlikova, born in Prague but now an Australian citizen, secured her fourth-round place with a 6-2, 6-4 win over Florida's Donna Faber.

While Navratilova and Mandlikova were winning easily, Greg Holmes, an unseeded American who came through the qualifying tournament, completed a marathon second-round win over compatriot Todd Witsken.

Holmes won 5-7, 6-4, 7-6, 4-6, 14-12 in a match which spanned three days. He then prepared to go out on court 17 again later in the day against 16th-seeded Israeli Amos Mansdorf.

In another long match, eighth-

seeded Pam Shriver, a semifinalist here for the last two years and a quarterfinalist in 1984 and 1985, was beaten 2-6, 6-2, 12-10 in the third round by fellow-American Gretchen Magers.

The only match points came in the final game when Magers led 40-love on serve, was pegged back to deuce but gained the next two points to reach the fourth round here for the first time.

Navratilova, who also deserted her Prague birthplace and is now an American with homes in Fort Worth and Aspen, trailed by a set and 3-1 against Provis' compatriot Kristine Radford in the second round before winning 11 of the last 14 games.

But whereas Radford has a robust serve-and-volley game suited to Wimbledon's grass courts, Provis is a clay-court baseliner whose best performances have been in the French Open where she was a semifinalist in 1988 and took Gabriela Sabatini to three sets in the third round this year.

Navratilova ruthlessly exploited Provis' lack of speed with sharply angled volleys that left the Australian vainly fanning the air. Provis did not win a game until the 10th, a triumph that received a special cheer from a sympathetic centre court crowd.

Asked about her chances of going all the way to the final, Navratilova said: "I know Hana



Navratilova thrashed Provis

is next. I don't want to know anything else and if you tell me I'll kill you."

The winner of the Navratilova-Mandlikova match is likely to face a quarterfinal against Magers whose contest

against Shriver was both a tennis and a screaming match with the players yelling with exasperation at their constant errors.

Shriver, playing with both thighs strapped, was 3-1 up and serving in the deciding set when

she double faulted twice to give Magers a break back.

Neither woman achieved a break point for a further 14 games when Magers broke to take a 10-9 lead and served for the match. But her nerve failed her and she was broken to love, double faulting on break point.

Shriver committed the same error on break point against her in the next game and Magers found herself serving for the match again as the clock ticked past two hours and 40 minutes.

At 40-love up Magers wasted two match points with errors and Shriver levelled to deuce with a backhand pass down the line. But a service return mistake gave Magers her fourth match point and victory came when Shriver mishit a forehand.

Jana Novotna of Czechoslovakia, the 10th seed, won through to the fourth round by beating American Katrina Adams 6-4, 6-1, taking hold of the match with a run of three games to go from 2-1 down to lead 4-2.

Novotna, 20, has a genuine serve-and-volley game and could yet make her mark on the championships. She is in the section of the draw that has lost fifth-seeded Zina Garrison and is heading for a quarterfinal against former title-holder Chris Evert.

Mats Wilander, the fourth seed, continued his stealthy

progress through the men's draw with a 6-3, 6-3, 6-3 third-round win over Australian Jason Stoltenberg. He has not dropped a set so far, a feat matched only by Boris Becker among the men.

John McEnroe, improving with every match, swept into the fourth round by outplaying Jim Pugh 6-3, 6-4, 6-2.

McEnroe, taken to five sets in his first match and four in his second, won in straight sets for the first time as he dispatched Pugh in one hour, 39 minutes on centre court.

Pugh beat McEnroe in a Wimbledon warm-up tournament but was never in today's rematch.

Results

(Prefix number denotes seeding): 10-Jana Novotna (Czechoslovakia) beat Katrina Adams (US) 6-4 6-1; 14-Hana Mandlikova (Australia) beat Donna Faber (US) 6-2 6-4; Laura Golarsa (Italy) beat Louise Field (Australia) 6-4 7-6 (10-8); Patty Fendick (US) beat Susan Stafford (US) 2-6 6-1 6-3; 2-Martina Navratilova (US) beat Nicole Provis (Australia) 6-0 6-3; Greg Holmes (US) beat Todd Witsken (US) 5-7 6-4 7-6 (7-5) 4-6 14-12; Gretchen Magers (US) beat Pam Shriver (US) 2-6 6-2 12-10; John Fitzgerald (Australia) beat Jonas Svensson (Sweden) 6-4 6-4 7-6 (7-5); 4-Mats Wilander (Sweden) beat Jason Stoltenberg (Australia) 6-3 6-3 6-3; Christo van Rensburg (South Africa) beat Brad Drewett (Australia) 6-3 6-2 6-2 (10-8); 5-John McEnroe (US) beat Jim Pugh (US) 6-3 6-4 6-2; 12-Mary Fernandez (US) beat Catherine Tanvier (France) 4-6 6-2 6-4; Jo-Anne Russell (Australia) beat Laura Golarsa (Italy) 6-3 6-2 6-2 (10-8); 8-Tim Mayotte (US) beat David Pate (US) 6-4 6-1 6-3; 9-Michael Chang (US) beat Schapers (Netherlands) 4-6 6-3 7-5-7.

## FA Cup up for sale

LONDON, July 1, (Reuters): The English Football Association (FA) Cup, world soccer's oldest competition, is up for sale — to a sponsor prepared to offer £25 million (\$38.7 million).

The FA seek British sport's biggest sponsorship to help fund major improvements of League grounds in the wake of last April's Hillsborough disaster which cost the lives of 95 spectators.

The FA want £2 million (\$3.1 million) a year over five years for the competition, which began in 1871, as well as an interest-free loan of £15 million (\$23.2 million).

"We want something to attract the attention of everybody and win support of the FA council," FA chief executive Graham Kelly said today.

"That would result in improvements being made to grounds, providing the nucleus of all-seater stadia and enabling us to stage major international events like European Championship finals and World Cups."

The sponsorship plan, endorsed by the FA council in Brighton today, is part of a joint FA and Football League submission to an inquiry into the Hillsborough tragedy.

Controversy thwarted previous attempts to arrange FA Cup sponsorship, notably two years ago when negotiations with Australian lager manufacturers Foster's collapsed after news of their involvement leaked before council members had been informed.

## Sulayem's luck deserts him

ISTANBUL, Turkey's Emre Yellici won the Gunaydin International Rally for the second year in succession yesterday after brushing aside the challenge of Frenchman Jean Ragnotti.

Yellici's surge to victory in a Lancia Delta Integrale was assisted by a mechanical disaster which cruelly halted the progress of Middle East champion Mohammed bin Sulayem in his Winston Toyota Celica GT-4.

Leading the rally on the first day after a brilliant start, Sulayem and his Irish co-driver, Ronan Morgan, went out of the rally with a broken differential when they were looking set to

take control of this 660-km European Championship event. Another notable casualty was Finland's Tommi Makinen who had been closest to Sulayem when the UAE star's luck deserted him close to Turkey's Black Sea coast.

## Provisional results:

1. Emre Yellici (Turk) Lancia Delta Integrale, 3 hrs, 2 mins, 9 sec.
2. Jean Ragnotti (F) Renault 11 Turbo, 3:05:27
3. Christian Cachan (F) Citroen Visa 1000 P16s, 3:12:29
4. Jocky Lorezetti (F) Peugeot 205 GTI, 3:17:54
5. Rene Kooibey (Turk) Mitsubishi Sirion, 3:20:17
6. Ales Hamili (Turk) Peugeot 205 GTI, 3:22:16

## London edge past Penn in Henley race

HENLEY-ON-THAMES, England, July 1, (AP): The University of London overtook the University of Pennsylvania in the few final yards and won a quarterfinal race in the Henley Royal Regatta Visitor's Cup by a foot (30 centimetres) today despite protests from the losing crew.

The Penn boat collided with a wooden boundary marker near the finish line as the Americans tried to avoid a collision with the London crew, which had previously been warned for its steering.

Protests by Penn's head coach, Stan Bergman, were overruled.

"The rules say you must hold your course and if necessary have a collision, but there is no way I would blame any of our crew for what happened," Bergman said. "It was a truly great race."

As the two exhausted crews pushed themselves through the last strokes, the London boat moved into the middle of the course, forcing the Penn crewless four to take evasive action.

London will face another American crew, Harvard University, in the semifinals.

Harvard came from behind to score a 1 1/2-length victory over Imperial College London, which won the Visitor's Cup two years ago in course-record time.

"We met the steering challenge," said Harvard coach Harry Parker.

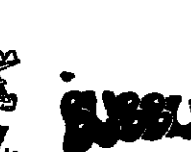
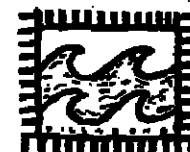
Parker particularly praised his strokes, Scott Carroon.

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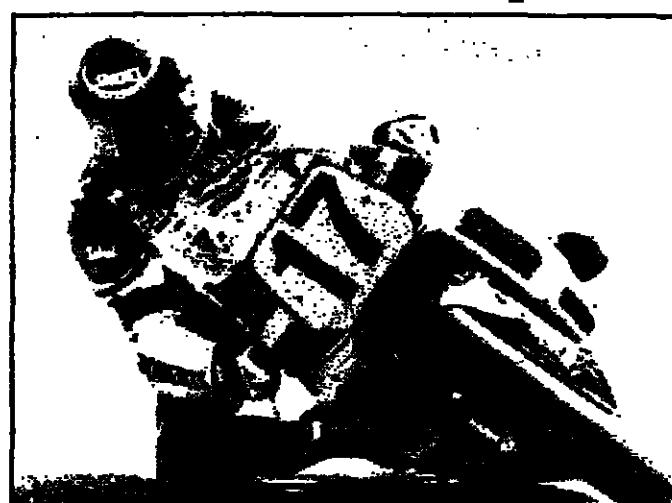
## Schwartz grabs GP pole position

SPA-FRANCORCHAMPS, Belgium, July 1, (Reuters): American Kevin Schwantz edged out world championship leader Wayne Rainey today to claim his sixth consecutive pole position for tomorrow's Belgian 500cc Motorcycle Grand Prix.

Suzuki rider Schwantz negotiated the hilly seven-kilometre track in two minutes 24.65 — more than three seconds inside the Francorchamps track record — on the second and final practice day for an average speed of 172.720 kph.

Californian Rainey clocked 2:25.02 on his Yamaha, averaging 172.280, and third fastest was Australian 500cc newcomer Michael Doohan, a 23-year-old Honda rider.

Filling out the five-bike front row were Frenchman Christian Sarron on a Yamaha and Californian triple world cham-



Rainey will not ride defensively

pion Eddie Lawson, who slipped to fifth place from third after the first day of official practice.

Rainey said he would not ride defensively to protect his 16-point championship lead over

title holder Lawson.

"Sure I've got a lot more to lose by falling down than some of the other riders, but I'm still here to race, and I'll be racing to win," Rainey said.

Rainey said earlier he was not in the least worried by the string of pole positions secured by Schwantz, who is not a leading championship contender after failing to finish in four races. He crashed twice and was twice stopped by mechanical problems.

Belgian 500cc rider Patrick Chavanne crashed spectacularly in this morning's session and was taken to hospital in nearby Liege. Doctors said he was not badly injured.

In the 250cc class, Belgian Didier de Radigue delighted the home crowd by snatching pole position ahead of Honda riders Carlos Cardus of Spain and Swiss Jacques Cornu.

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